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Local Plan

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Objection to Local Plan

To Warrington Planning Committee 15 November 2021

I am writing to object to the Warrington Local Development Plan. Here are my main objections.

Loss of the green belt is my main objection

The loss of nearly 1,000 acres of green belt in South Warrington, with its loss of trees and wildlife, will be a shameful act of environmental vandalism by the Borough Council. It has no support from the people who live in the affected areas, and we feel this plan is being forced upon us by the Borough Council. Our unique villages are being turned into one huge urban sprawl while the Borough Council chases its dreams for city status. The plan disproportionately affects the lives of people in South Warrington, and this seems grossly unfair. Other areas are much less affected. The burden of meeting our housing requirements should be more evenly distributed across the whole of Warrington, and the Council's primary focus should be on the development of brown field sites first and foremost, and it is for this main reason that I say 'no' to the local plan.

No plan for transport so will increase congestion and pollution

Where is the detailed plan for major new roads that will support a development of 4,200 houses? If there is to be a new road and junction on the A49 opposite the Spire Hospital, where will this road go? If it feeds into the Grappenhall swing bridge this will only exacerbate the already existing congestion problems and further reduce air quality. How does this fit in with the UK's climate change aspirations?

No plan for how this will regenerate the town centre

The council need a plan that will bring residents and businesses back into Warrington town centre, but this has not been sufficiently considered in the overall scheme. The current plan will only drive people away from the town to live, shop and work elsewhere. This is a great opportunity for investment missed. The Borough Council can do better.

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