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To: Local Plan

**Subject:** Objections to Warrington Local Plan

**Dear Sirs** 

Having registered my unhappiness about the Local Plan twice already, I would like to register my unhappiness/concern now it has been brought back a third time.

I completely object to the revised Warrington Local Plan and specifically the 'South East Extension' as it will destroy the character & distinctive nature of South Warrington.

With two young daughters, I fear you will be destroying a gorgeous area to live in and grow up in and thousands of children & future generations will be impacted by this.

The Green Belt **should be protected at all costs** and you are in danger of ruining the character and environment of many desirable villages.

The plan is clearly still 'not sound' and my clear points for this are as follows:

- 1) We MUST protect the Green Belt this is vital for now & future generations. Why not continue regenerating the town centre and utilising the brownfield sites that are available? This seems an eminently sensible approach before destroying Green Belt land. The starting point seems to have been to look to Green Belt first rather then existing brownfield sites first.
- 2) Infrastructure & traffic there are huge concerns over this when Grappenhall (and other areas) are already impacted whenever there is a problem on the M6 or M56. This is an issue now and not with the further addition of thousands of homes. Then there are concerns around air pollution, the environmental impact, etc. There doesn't seem to be much detail around the strategy for roads with the Local Plan.
- 3) Threatens identity of our village as I mention above, you are going to destroy the identities/character and environments of our villages when there is no need and other options are available like using existing brownfield sites.
- 4) **Six56** is the wrong business in the wrong place with an already busy motorway and interchange, adding more logistics would be foolish and it wouldn't provide more local jobs as promised.
- 5) Why not focus on improving the town centre? the Council should be looking to regenerate the town centre by using existing brownfield areas with the strategic advantage of Warrington's rail links rather than the increased reliance on road transport this Plan delivers.

I urge you to reconsider the Local Plan along these lines for current residents, our children and generations to come.

I therefore reiterate my strong objection.

Many thanks

**Mark Thomas** 

