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To: Local Plan
Subject: Plan Objection

Dear Sirs

In response to your plans for developments around the Grappenhall, Appleton, Appleton Thorn area, I strongly object. As a resident in Grappenhall, this will cause significant issues in the area.

I don't see that there has been a clear case for release of green belt and building on these areas will lead to a loss of unique character to our local villages due to the unchecked housing sprawl.

Priorities do not seem to have been given to brown field sites, which should be used before green belt - is green belt not designated for a reason? Whilst Fiddlers Ferry has now been incorporated other sites clearly in need of redevelopment have not been included.

There is no justification for the amount of housing that has been proposed - the amount is well beyond government targets.

There is no plan to support the infrastructure of the development plan, ie no plans for extra schools. The schools in the area are already at capacity and have no further room for extension. Also GP surgeries are currently maximised with ability to get appointments poor already, no further surgeries are planned. Warrington Hospital is already failing on it's NHS A&E target to treat within 4 hours, this will only worsen with the added in crease in population and no plans to build a further hospital.

Traffic congestion in Warrington is already is maximised at peak times already and can often be found to be gridlocked when there are issues on the motorways, there are no significant detailed plans to look at how this will be managed. The Western Link Road proposal is lacking in detail and covers areas currently inhabited. Further crossings on the Ship Canal also contribute this peak loading.

Significantly in relation to my earlier points 4 out of 5 of the key criteria for releasing green belt have NOT been met:

- Checking unrestricted sprawl
- assisting in safeguarding the countryside-
- preserve setting and special character of historic areas (Grappenhall Church Lane is a Listed area)
- Assist in urban regeneration by encouraging the recycling of derelict and other urban land

Our natural wildlife is being eroded and the size of this plan is huge and will have detrimental effects on the local wildlife. Narrow wildlife corridors as seen in Grappenhall Heys are not sufficient to maintain the natural habitats. The cuckoos won't return in the summer and what about the ravens, along with all the other species? My 8 year old daughter is horrified as we go out walking and I tell her field after filed is to be demolished and vandalised by the local council and greedy developers. The building works planned is completely disproportionate to the area and will ruin our historic and preserved street not least by a huge increase in traffic.

Regards

Julie