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Sent: 15 November 2021 16:55
To: Local Plan
Subject: Objection to housing plans 2021

Dear sir/Madam,

I am writing to advise you of my objection to the current Warrington local housing plan for South Warrington. My views are as follows:

1) Firstly you held, I believe, all consultation events for the proposed housing plans in the North of Warrington and not in the South at all which is the area you will be most affecting. I therefore believe that the Consultation process is not fair or sound. You are proposing in your plans the release of greenbelt in the South East Urban Extension and yet a meeting was not held in this area to involve people most affected by your proposals. All of the council run consultations sessions were held at the Halliwell Jones stadium north of the Bridgewater Canal, the Manchester ship Canal, the Mersey and the town centre whilst the vast majority of the greenbelt development is proposed for south of these water barriers. The area most directly affected the South East Urban Extension could have had council run consultation events as last time in venues such as the park Royal Hotel. The failure to do this renders the consultation process unsound.

2) The country has just hosted the COP26 conference in Glasgow for world leaders looking to protect our environment. You have decided however, that it is sensible to remove prime farmland that can provide the local community with fresh wholesome food that will have no international travel to get to our shelves, and instead make a profit out of land to build even more houses that will own at least 2 cars each and burn fossil fuels in power, and pollute our home environment further. Non-0sensical. The case that is made for the green belt release is not sound.

Surely the sense is to use brown field sites and regenerate the area. The demand for housing are from youngsters in the main who would benefit from apartments nearer the town centre for ease of bus and train commuting. Expensive housing doesn't really help anyone.

The priority of the Council should be renewal of the town centre and the development of Brownfield sites not release of the greenbelt.

With the concerns of lack of food available for the world population you should not be looking at removing green belt sites. The council's priority

should be that of regeneration of the town centre and the Brownfield sites around Warrington.

3) We should be looking at ways to reduce gas emissions to help the climate and I believe the council has declared a climate emergency. allowing housing of the volume you suggest to go ahead on green belt contravenes your recommendations to reduce gas emissions. It can be evidenced by the many houses built by St Matthew's church and Appleton thorn that the number of cars per house in itself makes your mission unviable.

When Brownfield land is available for use there is no sustainable justification for the release of greenbelt land on the outskirts of the town. The release of greenbelt in the countryside surrounding the town and in particular the South East Urban Extension will create further car dependent suburbs, leading to further congestion, pollution and negatively impacting the climate change agenda of the Town and the Country.

4) The council plan fails to address the already chronically overloaded road system in South Warrington. Stockton Heath is already a nightmare to drive through at any time of day, Latchford can be very blocked, junction 10 of the M56 often backs up. This area does not have the road capacity to absorb anymore cars without major new roads being put in first,

Reviewing your road proposals , I can only conclude that those proposing the plan have not understood of the current issues facing the road network around the Cat and Lion junction and junction 10 of the M56 and Stockton heath etc but have written them in their Ivory tower.

5) We already have a problem with polluted air not helped by chemical works at Widnes and Warrington. Car fumes are getting worse and increased road use will make this worse

7) The plan for the South East Urban Extension is not sound, in that it creates a minimum of 4200 homes of which approximately 850 will be for rent. The lack of facilities and public transport will have the effect of stranding those who are potentially less well off in areas without accessible facilities to support their needs. The plan fails to locate those who need services most in the locations close to the town centre where services are available without the requirement for travel by car.

8) The plan to build on greenbelt will divert investment from the regeneration of the town centre and the Brownfield sites around the town.

9) there are major problems already getting doctor and dentist appointment, the schools are to full capacity and there is not a living support structure for so many more residents in this area.

10) as evidenced in lockdown the countryside was essential for everyone's mental health both from north and south Warrington. Don't take this away.

Regards
Susan Mason