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I refer to the consultation on the Warrington Local Plan. I would like to strongly object to the proposals now being put forward.

My concerns are:

Loss of Green Belt - The plans put forward will see a significant loss of the green belt to the south of our town. As emphasised at the recent Cop 26 we should be doing everything we can to prevent global warming, loss of this amount of green space to be replaced by development is not going to help. Allocating the green belt for development will risk the brownfield sites within the town not being developed. I am sure most developers would prefer a green site to a brownfield one. Now we are out of the EU, more pressure will be put on the country to grow its own food. Once this land has gone any opportunity goes with it.

Traffic – The M6 between junction 19 and 21 are constantly busy, not only during rush hour. This is producing huge amounts of CO2 which is not good for the residents of the town but also is not helping the planet. Several thousand new homes and a large distribution depot will not help this problem. The plan does not appear to offer any solution for traffic from south of the town getting into the town centre or across town. There appear to be no new crossings proposed across the ship canal or Bridgewater canal. Latchford, Stockton Heath and the surrounding areas grind to a halt if the swing bridges are in operation there is an accident or strong winds on Thelwall viaduct.

Six 56 – As indicated above the M6 is virtually at gridlock. A massive logistics depot right next to it is not going to improve the situation. It is very unlikely that the new housing proposed in South Warrington will be suitably priced for the workforce. This is likely to create even more traffic on the roads.

Thelwall Heys – The proposed plan is putting this forward for development. This land has not been included in previous draft plans and it is difficult to understand why it has suddenly become suitable especially as a previous planning inquiry decided it was not suitable for residential development

Number of houses ; The number of houses proposed seems to be far in excess of what is actually required.

Loss of Identity – At present the villages of Appleton Thorn and Wrights Green have their own character. The proposals will see them surrounded by new development which will completely destroy this character.

I trust my views will be considered as part of the consultation

Thank you

Ian Sprott

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