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Dear Sirs,

We have studied your plans for developments in the South Warrington area and deprecate them for the following reasons:-

- 1) Modern houses have very small gardens so we are looking at high density building.
- 2) This will increase the number of vehicles on our already crowded roads. Not only will there be commuter cars but also delivery vehicles as people increasingly shop online. Their emissions are injurious to public health and to the environment.
- 3) Green Belt land was intended to be just that. Areas of openness & fresh air for people to enjoy... benefiting from the beauty of the changing four seasons. Green Belt areas are good for both physical & mental health.
- 4) Although the new market is excellent in design and is very welcome, Sankey Street is just a run of empty neglected shops with no sign of the area being regenerated whilst Golden Square precinct also has an abandoned look due to large stores (Debenhams, Bon Marché etc etc) standing empty. How will development in South Warrington help? The A49 with its Stockton Heath canal bridge is ~~clogged~~ up most of the time & buses (although timetabled) are infrequent and unreliable.
- 5) Schools & surgeries need to be built to support the vast number of houses in your plan. IF ever built, do you actually

Know in advance if you would get the necessary professionals to work here? Certainly not if the nearest town (ie Warrington) continues to look as sad + rundown as it does now.

Supposing you actually had a Medical Centre with staff, how would this benefit anyone at all as doctors no longer let patients make face-to-face appointments? What a waste of money when doctors will, if really pushed ^{only}, talk to ^{you} on the phone. High density building was and still is a very bad idea. Close contact re-Covid has been disastrous and will be again if some other epidemic comes along.

Apollogies for errors in this letter but as your closing date is November 15th we wanted to register our opposition to your current proposals. The whole plan needs a re-think. You are trying to stick a short term plaster on a gaping wound. Make Warrington vibrant & viable again first and leave the Green Belt to exist for everyone's benefit.

Yours faithfully

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