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Dear Sirs,

I wish to object in the strongest possible terms to the local plan which is neither sound nor justifiable.

There is no need for the volume of housing and the use of green belt for housing, and large scale industrial development employing few people per hectare. There is little justification for the scale of green belt release and the plan does not show what the exceptional circumstances are for green belt release. The environmental and ecological impact of the loss of green belt has not been properly assessed.

There is an unbelievable lack of thought and consideration of increased traffic congestion in South Warrington, and most importantly air quality (barely a mention in the plan document), of ecology and the quality of life for local residents. There is a glaring lack of explanation or plan of how the already poor transport infrastructure

of South Warrington can cope with increased levels of traffic. We are reliant on swing bridges built over 100 years ago (in the Age of horse and carts). There is seemingly no consideration to crossings of the Mersey, Manchester Ship Canal; Bridgewater Canal. There is no plan to overcome problems of canal crossings. Increasing reliance on road traffic is wholly inconsistent with the UK's Climate Change aspirations.

This plan does nothing for our town centre, parts of which are in desperate need of regeneration. There is no plan to capitalise on Warrington's strategic position with two main line stations - access to both stations is difficult. People who live in Warrington will continue to go to Liverpool, Manchester, Chester for work, shopping, leisure. Many of my Warrington friends never go into the town centre. There is little to attract them to the town centre.

This plan will destroy green belt land of high landscape and agricultural value. Are the planners aware of the exceptional quality of the farming land at Thelwall Heys - some of the

best in the whole of Cheshire). The plan will destroy the character and distinctive nature of the villages of South Warrington and change our area forever. The council should look again more carefully at the brownfield sites in town rather than taking the easy but irreversible step of using the green belt.

Yours faithfully,



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