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We would like to put forward our views on the proposed local plan. The problem is traffic and schools and leisure.

The council are planning to extend Grappenhall Heys primary school to accommodate children from all of the new houses being being in Appleton and Stretton. In principal, great. It's just not how people work. I have been a governor at St. Matthews primary school in Stretton which is an outstanding school and is over the road from hundreds of proposed new homes in Stretton.

So, why would you ask parents to drive 2 and 1/2 miles to Grappenhall Heys, when they could simply walk over the road to an outstanding school. St Matthews is bursting at the seams, particularly with the amount of in year requests coming from the new Barratt Homes estate built next door, it is an unsustainable situation. Environmentally, it is criminal to encourage parents to do that drive anyway. So unless you can rebuild St Matthews, all of those houses in Stretton is a terrible idea. The traffic at the Cat and Lion junction is also horrific and if you add all those parents being asked to drive to Grappenhall, Broomfields or Appleton Thorn schools, the problem just increases.

Broomfields Leisure centre is terrible. Dated and dilapidated, you take your life in your hands trying to get to the football pitches around the back. Just look at the numbers of children who play for Appleton FC. Men's teams I know can't get a pitch to train on and are having to travel to Prescot to find an evening pitch. Orford and Great Sankey bursting at the seams. Great, but we need more in South Warrington.

The new road from Walton to Bank Quay is amazing. The problem is now that the traffic flows continuously from the new road and the main road leaving no gaps for traffic turning out from either Gainsborough Road or by the Stag pub. Both very dangerous junctions. I have already seen one major accident at the Gainsborough road junction last month. Traffic is coming down Red lane from Appleton to join this Stag junction and I would ask councillors to try this for themselves at rush hour. Both junctions need some sort of traffic light.

We don't want to stop new houses being built in the area but please don't allow them until traffic, schools and leisure are also catered for before they come.

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