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Dear Sirs

My wife and I are Warrington residents and council tax payers. We have lived in Grappenhall for over 30 years. We strongly object to the proposals in the Local Plan for the following reasons:

1. FITNESS FOR PURPOSE.

The plan lacks specificity. It is too general, too vague and too uncertain. It has no substantial facts or evidence to support it. It is an unashamed charter to allow Warrington Borough Council to build more houses than are required/needed and expand the already sizeable warehousing/distribution in South Warrington. It has no clarity on how the Plan will be delivered and how this will benefit the current residents.

2. GREEN BELT.

There is no justification for the use of existing Green Belt Land. The current Green Belt boundary was confirmed only seven years ago and was expected to last for 20 years. No "exceptional circumstances" are put forward to allow this proposed development of this asset. There is no evidence that the proposed housing numbers, to be built on the current Green Belt, are required. If they are, why are Brownfield sites nearer to the town centre not being identified?

3. INFRASTRUCTURE.

There is inadequate provision for access to the town centre already, never mind the additional traffic caused by the proposed development. Where is the plan to alleviate congestion on the A49 and A50, major arterial routes for our town? Why is there no plan to take traffic away from these roads, or indeed the roads in general?

4. HOUSING.

There is no reasoned or compelling argument for another 4,200 plus houses in South Warrington. There is no justification for the predicted growth. Other sites in Warrington are equally suitable for affordable housing or just housing for those employed in the Council catchment area.

5. CHANGING THE CHARACTER OF SOUTH WARRINGTON.

The effect of the Local Plan is to turn the area south of the Manchester Ship Canal into one large commuter belt. New residents will have little or any association/connection to the town centre, or any reason to. Before moving to Grappenhall, we lived in Hunsbury, Northampton. Excessive house building there turned the entire South Northampton area into an amorphous mass of estate after estate, with no soul or adequate services.

Yours

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