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Subject: Warrington Local Plan - Preferred Development Option

As a resident of Stockton Heath, I am writing to object to the Preferred Development Option, and particularly the proposal for a "garden suburb" to the south of the town.

The building of so many thousands of new homes on green belt land in Appleton, Grappenhall and Walton will have a devastating effect on the character of this part of the town, and certainly does not meet the fifth objective contained on page 20 of the Preferred Development Option. "Reinforcing the character and local distinctiveness of Warrington's countryside and unique green spaces" cannot be achieved by building over green belt land, which was once considered worthy of protection.

I am also at a loss to understand how such massive development can satisfy part of the final objective of the plan, which is "to make a positive contribution to improving Warrington's air quality".

The plan seems to be driven by the Council's ambitions for economic growth and its desire for city status. Why economic growth should always be assumed to take precedent over other less tangible benefits, such as the quality of the environment, has always been beyond me. As for city status, why does this need to be a goal? What's wrong with wanting to remain an attractive medium size town, with easy access to pleasant countryside, where residents enjoy living for those very reasons?

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