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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 30 August 2017
To: LDF
Subject: Objection to Warrington local plan PDO

Dear Sir/Madam,

I write to express my concerns and objections to the plans for major road and building plans in the Grappenhall, Thelwall and Appleton areas.

As a resident of Thelwall I was shocked to find out about such major development plans via a leaflet from local concerned residents! It seems as though the borough council has attempted to quietly slip the plans through without appropriate communication and consultation with those most impacted - the local residents.

Whilst I appreciate that we have some traffic issues, particularly over the Manchester ship canal swing bridges and even worse when there are motorway issues resulting in motorway traffic diverting through Warrington causing gridlock, this plan does not address that issue and is likely to exacerbate that problem rather than addressing it. At the worst times, the A50 between M6 J20 and Warrington becomes completely overwhelmed by traffic. The proposed extensive development on the greenbelt land along this route will increase traffic and hence exacerbate the issue in addition to losing our precious greenbelt land and changing forever the character of this semi-rural area of our town, which we should be preserving for future generations.

Grappenhall, Thelwall and Appleton Thorn are extremely highly regarded villages in south Warrington each with their own character serving local residents and visitors extremely well. Each has its own character and each is under threat of losing that character as a result of the proposed development of a major traffic route using the old railway bridges. The extent of development and widening required to execute that plan and the impact that would have on surrounding villages and traffic flow would be devastating in terms of traffic pollution, traffic levels, road noise and required changes to the pennine way in this area.

South Warrington certainly requires improvements to traffic management, but these could be better achieved by schemes which could include improved contingency plans for Motorway issues such as enabling either permanent or dynamic switching of each the M6 Thelwall viaduct bridges to two way use so that issues on or close to either bridge do not result in a complete closure of the motorway and the resultant impact on Warrington traffic. Or an improvement to the opening of the swing bridges to avoid the usual peak time openings - surely avoiding swing bridge openings at peak times with its impact on traffic could be avoided!

Yours faithfully,

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