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Dear Sir/ Madam,

I refer to the proposed South East Warrington Garden City development plans and to the proposal of the building of 8,000+ new houses. I don't know how the number of new homes required to accommodate an increase in population in Warrington has been reached but it seems far too big and, since the Brexit vote, and the projected population increase data, obtained before the Brexit vote, is very likely to be a gross over estimate.

I have read the Warrington Borough Council Local Plan, Preferred Development Option Regulation 18 Consultation July 2017. I have to say that of the five options from which WBC has chosen option 2 this is not my preferred option. My preference is option 4 which I think would have a far less detrimental effect on the Grappenhall area, particularly if it also includes a Country Park east of Broad Lane to the A50. This would ensure that no new property development would occur immediately adjacent to Grappenhall Village, thereby helping to retain the traditional character of the historical village. This park I am sure would be welcomed by residents of these new homes.

Also, I think that the type of new house to be built west of Broad Lane should include a fair proportion of affordable homes for first time buyers and for older people and not just be for the super rich.

Regarding the proposal to develop the Penine Way in Thelwall/Grappenhall and disused former railway in Latchford as a new road crossing of the Ship canal I am opposed to this because it would mean extensive loss of amenity for walkers, cyclists, and an unacceptable detrimental effect on wildlife. I suppose that if it has to be done then why not use the embankment as a tramway from the new Garden City to Warrington town centre. This would be environmentally friendly, would not require the embankment to be widened and I think would be much cheaper than the proposed road which would probably have to be dual carriageway. Also, the town centre would be unable to cope with the huge increase in traffic created by such a road.

I hope that you will give serious consideration to my objections and proposals which I have carefully considered.

Thank you,  
Yours faithfully,

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