



Dear Sir/Madam

I am writing to voice my objections to the proposal of the Warrington Preferred Local Plan 2017

The reasons for my objections are as follows:-

According to the National Planning Policy Framework a Green Belt is a designation for land around certain towns, cities and large built up areas, which aims to keep the land permanently or largely undeveloped. The purposes of the green belt are to:

- Check the unrestricted sprawl of large built up areas
- Prevent neighbouring towns from merging
- Safeguard the countryside from encroachment
- Preserve the setting and special character of historic towns
- Assist urban regeneration by encouraging the recycling of derelict and other urban land.

This development goes against all of the above points. This land is not 'spare' land. With the current uncertainty over 'brexit' we should not plan to lose any more agricultural land than essential.

South Warrington's proximity close to the M6, M56 and M62 results in grid lock whenever any of the motorways fail. The extra traffic from these extra houses will compound the situation. The 'Eastern Link' from M56 junction J10 to the North of the Manchester Ship Canal is one of the roads suggested in the Plan. This would attract extra traffic trying to avoid problems and residents will be subjected to unacceptable noise, pollution and vibration.

No high level environmental and ecological impact survey is included in the plan. Wildlife protection is essential, and a wide variety of animals and birds live in the green belt areas, including water voles, bats, kestrels and owls.

Large Brown Field sites are likely to be released within the 20 year period of the plan which have not been taken into account. Fiddlers Ferry Power Station is soon to close and Warrington Hospital is planning to move to another site. These areas could make a significant contribution to the towns housing so that green belt land can be spared unless essential.

Warrington and Halton hospitals and Emergency services are already operating at capacity as are most GPs and medical centres. The huge increase in population will require more services putting additional pressure on existing resources.

