Dear Sir/Madam,

Warrington Borough Council – Local Plan Preferred Development Option

I have lived in Moore ▮▮▮▮▮▮▮▮▮▮▮ I very much appreciate its rural feel, historic context and setting. I am also very involved in all aspects of village life here and consider that Warrington Borough Council's Local Plan PDO (in its current format) is poised to threaten the quality of life for thousands of people in the area.

It is only by chance that we found out about the planning proposals and we are reliably informed by our Ward Councillor that Warrington Borough Council have not followed due process by informing Halton Borough Council's Officials of their intentions to build right up to their borough boundary. Whilst authorities do not have to agree on these matters, they do have a duty to co-operate and this clearly has not happened.

I also find the notion of Warrington becoming a city completely abhorrent: this ridiculous idea is driven solely by people who are self -seeking and self- serving, as it is against the wishes of the overriding population of Warrington.

As a consequence I wish to make the following points of objection to the PDO Local Plan:

Whilst preparing the Local Plan Warrington have only considered the natural and historic assets within their own borough boundary and have completely overlooked that the village of Moore which immediately adjoins their proposed South Western Urban extension, is both a historic village (with a Conservation area and several listed buildings) but also provides a fantastic natural resource enjoyed by numerous residents from Warrington and beyond, who use the footpath network, towpaths and access Moore Nature Reserve via Moore Lane (which is in Halton)

The main purpose of green belt is to prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another – clearly as this proposal would entail housing coming right up to the village boundary at the eastern side of the village, there would be no green belt left and Moore would be 'swallowed up' by characterless housing estates. Further, there will be no improvement to the existing highway infrastructure which is woefully inadequate; parts of it regularly flood, the minimal footpaths adjoining the carriageways have weed encroachment to the level that they are actually breaking up. To add insult to injury we will be forced to detour from the existing Runcorn Road, through twisting distributor roads which will 'snake' through the new housing estates – causing increased pollution from emissions.

The Port Warrington proposal indicates a large distribution centre with huge warehousing to the north of the Manchester Ship Canal. This development would have a devastating impact on the lives

of the residents of Promenade Park as their homes directly overlook this area. This will be a 24/7 operation, yet no suggestion is made of screening/ noise attenuation, or indeed anything to mitigate against nuisance. There are 80+ homes on this site and it accounts for nearly a quarter of the population of the village of Moore. The site is beautifully maintained by the residents and is regularly commended by the Cheshire Best Kept Village Judges. The majority of residents have chosen to retire here because of its pleasant, open setting and relatively peaceful environment. Residents need the reassurance that proper assessments will be made before any permissions are granted, together with enforceable control measures, especially in relation to noise and the visual impact of development.

I am also very concerned about the impact of Port Warrington on Moore Nature Reserve which is important for both wildlife and people in equal measure and must be protected for future generations. This amazing place should be viewed as a treasure for Warrington and beyond.

Finally, all of the above proposals would have a huge, adverse impact on existing services in the area. All of our local medical centres are full and the local roads are regularly clogged with traffic trying to find a route either from Warrington or Runcorn, when there is either a hold up on the M56, the Runcorn Bridge or the M6.