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I am writing to ask that the Council scrap the Preferred Development Option in its entirety.

As a resident of South Warrington I feel very strongly against the plans.

This significant development of Warrington and the push for the town to be a city, is not something we want to see as it will completely change the character of the town and adversely impact the quality of living of its residents.

The main objections I have to the plans are:

- Traffic – this is already a significant problem in Warrington South and the plans will make this considerably worse. They do not factor sufficient infrastructure requirements in and the resulting increased volume of vehicles on key roads surrounding our home will affect our quality of life – both delaying any journey times and causing increased pollution around the home of our young family. There are already significant bottleneck areas nearby and these will only be compounded by a significant increase to the housing in these areas. Stockton Heath already suffers greatly from the through traffic on the A49 and hold ups with the London Road Swing Bridge, but additional housing will increase the pressure on this crossing point, along with the Latchford High Level and Latchford Swing Bridges.




Boats going through the area or accidents on the M6 cause frequent standstills which will take substantially longer to clear. There will also be a massive impact on crossings over the Bridgewater Canal.

- Greenbelt - the plans will lead to the loss of significant greenbelt and woodland areas – these features of the location are a key reason that we like living in this area and have chosen to remain here since our own childhoods in order to bring up our children in an area that offers countryside to walk in with farms and wide open space. Development in this area will significantly impact on our quality of life.

- Character of the area - the area will lose its village feel and if bridges need redeveloping, the Bridgewater canal crossings are key features in our area which add to the appeal and would be lost.

- Not needed - I don't see why this volume of development is required. There is not the demand for this expansion of housing and we should not lose our green belt to accommodate people outside of the area.

- City status not what the residents want - I do not want Warrington to become a city and there is no need for this to be pursued. Businesses are coming to the area and it is already deemed one of the top 10 places to live in the U.K. So why sabotage this with overdevelopment?

- Concern about the future  we had hoped to remain in the area indefinitely   but the overdevelopment of the area makes us want to move away, which is very upsetting given that we were all born here and our families are here. This has a very significant impact on our lives and our future and I desperately hope that the plans will be dramatically scale down so we can keep our beautiful neighbourhood.

Regards

