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Dear Sir,

**re:- Warrington Borough Council Local Plan Preferred Development Option
Regulation 18 Consultation**

I am writing to object to the current Preferred Development Option for the following reasons:-

- The timing of the consultation period during the summer holiday season, council recess and inadequate advertising was to me unacceptable. No consultation meetings were arranged for Thelwall and Grappenhall and when a request for a further 2 consultation meetings for these areas was requested it was refused. Outdated and unclear maps were used at all 3 consultation meetings at Lymm, Stretton and Pyramid Centre Warrington and inadequate provision for disabled people and wheelchair users inside and outside the venues. Inconsistent answers to questions from Council Representatives, which did not instill any confidence.
- Looking at the PDO online the maps again are outdated and unclear, with road or bypass drawn as a blue dotted line, not clear where it starts or where it ends is very confusing and not very professional.
- The housing figure I feel is greatly over estimated. I agree we need to build houses, but the location and amount that you have come up with in the plan is unacceptable and misleading to let us believe that the volume of housing required is something set by the Government when it is WBC who have calculated the volume requirement. I have no understanding as to why the houses have to be built on Greenbelt land when there is enough Brownbelt land in Warrington, surely all vacant retail units and warehouses could be used and therefore affordable housing could be built. WBC should focus on building more affordable housing on Brownbelt land.
- The amount of houses that WBC want to build, in what is being described as a 'Garden City', does not help with the problems we are facing now. To build this amount of houses puts pressure on our hospital who's A&E department is already struggling, our doctors and dentists and the schools which are bursting at the seams.
- I feel as a whole this plan is not fit for purpose, that WBC should look at this again and concentrate on delivering a plan which reflects the true needs of the residents of Warrington, a more environmentally friendly plan that also respects our historical and

cultural identity and save and respect our Greenbelt, green fields and the nature that lives alongside and within our woodlands, fields, nature reserves and walkways which contributes positively to our health and wellbeing. Look at the plan again, respond to the residents concerns, look again at Brownbelt land and empty retail units making way for affordable housing, social and council housing and sheltered elderly accomodation. You need to go look down Bridge Street and look up at the beautiful architechture, then look down and see the shantytown it has become, start there make Warrington a Town you can say you are proud you developed. Use what is there, our ancestors have done the legwork for you, now all you have to do is put Warrington back to what it was.

I await in anticipation to your response.

Yours faithfully,

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