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I would like to respond to the proposed development of the garden city in south Warrington. The term seems incongruous to start with, the areas of Stretton, Appleton Thorn, Walton, Grappenhall, Thelwall, Lymm, Oughtrington, Latchford and its environs are places of natural and historic beauty, handed down through the generations. Footpaths, fields, hedgerows full of wild life and ancient trees, kingfishers, herons, kites, buzzards, all natural which cannot be replaced by a park! The Residents are attracted to the area by its natural and charming environment, the whole point is the openness of the area, people visit the area including the much loved and used Trans Pennine Way, the canal side, walking, cycling, fishing, boating, canoeing etc. Weaste Lane is noted in some countryside walking books. A city is by definition a highly densely populated area, the exact opposite of what we have now. Once tarmaced and concreted over it is lost forever. The proposal to fill South east Warrington with thousands of houses, residents, cars, schools, supermarket, etc and all the ensuing infra structure feels like vandalism. Once the green belt is eroded to this extent, we and the next generations will be the losers. England is renowned as a green and pleasant land, but over developed through greed by developers, it will be ruined. Careful thought and sympathetic building of new and affordable homes is obviously required but surely not on this scale and such a dense build up in one area, losing its individual character and uniqueness. The housing should be spread gradually over all of Warrington, in small groups that can be absorbed and integrated. Homes should be for young people and families from the local area, living and working here or close by. The centre of Warrington is in a very poor state and requires regeneration which could include flats, apartments for town living, like Manchester has done to reinvigorate the centre, whereas small starter homes around the villages intermingled with existing areas could be built. Planners seem to be taking an easy option desecrating vast swathes of the green belt. A new road as suggested from the A 50 over fields, Weaste Lane, the canal and the trans pennine trail, is an horrendous suggestion, plus, the traffic would all bottle neck in Latchford. This will result in additional noise, air pollution, drainage issues with more land concreted over, plus front gardens being paved and used for parking. A tranquil area will become a congested, bustling town, busy and noisy night and day, with poor air quality. I sincerely hope that all these proposals can be re examined and that the planners go and visit on foot the areas they are talking about ruining, proposals on paper are easily drawn but the countryside is real and its value for everyone is irreplaceable, Everyone I meet is appalled and concerned about the proposed developments and use of the Greenbelt. Warrington Borough Council have no mandate to inflict this over building and population explosion on our society. Warrington could just become a dormitory town with people working elsewhere. Sensible and carefully thought through building, should be the way forward, as and when required. We live in a rapidly changing world, future jobs may not materialise, overtaken by mechanisation, robots etc, people will then need the open spaces for recreation and their mental health, open natural countryside can never be replaced by an artificial area, called a park. Yours faithfully [REDACTED]

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