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Planning Policy Team,
Warrington Borough Council,
New Town House,
Buttermarket Street,
Warrington.

Dear Sir,

I am writing in response to the Council's development plan for South Warrington, whilst I am aware that the council is legally required to have a development plan for housing and infrastructure, I cannot understand why so many houses are required in this area.

It seems totally unfair that the south of Warrington is taking the brunt of the new houses.

What is the point of having green belt land if you can release it at your

request to build on? It is important ⁽²⁾
agricultural land that gives local people of
Warrington a breathing space between
already built up areas.

Why does the council think that local
people actually want "city status". Most
local people moved to this area because of
open green spaces for our children to enjoy
and grow up in. Please don't use it for
development. Once it has gone it can never
be returned. People from across town have
enjoyed this countryside for centuries. If
we stayed a town we would not need
so many houses.

Our local shopping area (Stockton Heath) is
already affected by a high volume of traffic at
certain times of the day. This is often stationary
or slow moving which has an impact on
local residents and children as they walk
to school along London Road (A49). On
calm days one breathes engine fumes as
one walks along the pavement which
will only be exacerbated with any extra
traffic generated by this proposal. Road
junctions are at capacity already. What

will happen when there is a problem on any of the motorways? Gridlock perhaps. New routes in the plan will also have a detrimental affect on present residents living north and south of the canal.

What will all this building do to our wildlife? There is a wide variety of animals, birds, insects, amphibians and other animals living in the green belt area such as badgers, water voles, bats and I believe great crested newts. Instead of sacrificing all our green belt, why can't 'Brown Field' sites be used first? Some may not be available now but this is a twenty year plan when some sites eg Fiddlers Ferry or Warrington hospital could be released within that twenty years.

[REDACTED] I understand the pressures put on them, partly due to operating at (or near) capacity already. It takes ten years to train a G.P. You

Mention building new practices, where⁽⁴⁾
are the G.P.s going to miraculously
appear from when there is a national
shortage already?

I ask again: Why do we need
such a massive increase in the size of
our town which is neither necessary
nor wanted? Please reconsider.

Yours faithfully,

