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Please find below my reasons for opposing the Preferred Development Option.

Obesity rates across the country are certainly on the increase and Warrington is unfortunately no exception. I would be interested how the Council will address this with regard to helping residents to be active. One large park would not suffice locally, as many residents would be required to drive to enjoy them – creating additional pollution and congestion. Whereas currently the layout of the Trans Pennine Trail offers access to the majority of residents to walk, jog, cycle (also helping with mental health and stress relief) How will the Council address these issues?

The increased traffic that would be produced by the new homes. On a local level in the Thelwall/Grappenhall area (Garden Suburb) the increase of approximately 6,000 new homes would create an additional 14,400 people (based on a 2.4 people per dwelling.) This would be larger than the current Thelwall/Grappenhall area combined. The result of this would be catastrophic for this local community in terms of noise, air pollution and congestion. On a larger scale the building of 24,000 homes would put an enormous strain on our local infrastructure that is already at breaking point. One example of this was on August 17th 2017 when the town was in gridlock for several hours.

The air quality of Warrington is a huge concern as it was named in the top 40 by the World Health Organisation. Furthermore, it was highlighted as second in the northwest as urban areas breaching safe air pollution levels in the UK. Warrington Borough Council should be required to disclose the impact on pollution that the Preferred Development Plan would produce.

A further area of concern is the wildlife, protected species and their habitats that currently live in the areas that will be affected. I feel strongly that the Council should produce reassurance and evidence that they will be working closely with the relevant wildlife groups and guarantee their protection.

When considering Warrington town centre it cannot currently cope with the demands of residents. The car parks and shops are already a challenge particularly at the weekends not to mention events such as Easter, Christmas, Mother's/Fathers Days. I strongly believe that in influx of the huge amount of new residents would have a detrimental effect on Warrington and also it's visitors.

Within the Consultation document and the Consultation Meetings, I have not been able to find any information on how the Council will address the flooding issue in the area around the A50. Surely the construction and development in this area will have a negative effect on this and should have been addressed and included in the consultation document.

Yours faithfully

