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I am deeply concerned about the proposed development within WA4 and the proposed western link Road. I believe they are part of the same development strategy so ought to be discussed together.

I wish to express my opinion that the scale of development is not required. I treasure the green belt land around WA4, the character of the area, the wildlife and nature that live in these spaces. They serve a vital function; separating individual villages, preserving character of the area, providing recreational green space (which I use daily), bringing wildlife to the area.

I also object to the proposed developments due to lack of infrastructure, specifically for traffic using bridges across the Manchester Ship Canal and the Bridgewater Canal. I also strongly feel that the roads in and out of Stockton Heath are choked with traffic now, and these developments would significantly add to that and make the roads unusable. We have yet to see the results of the new tolls in neighbouring Halton; they are likely to increase pressure on the existing network.

Also, where will this increase in population come from? We have no guarantee that buyers will be interested in moving to Warrington, let alone WA4, and I feel that WBC have not taken into account the effects of Brexit on our local economy. This proposed development is premature and does not take these potential changes into effect. I would also raise the issue of healthcare, notably A and E provision: Warrington South is served by just one hospital and its resources are stretched already; adding more population to the area will create more strain on this resource. I also feel strongly that such large scale development, the proposed change of use of green belt in particular, hasn't been adequately communicated to the people that live in the affected areas.

Regards, [REDACTED]

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