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Dear Sirs

I wish to register my objection to the Warrington Preferred Development option. I feel very strongly this is over development and will be catastrophic for the town of Warrington and the plan should be abandoned with a new plan put into place guided and driven by the community and the public , and not by developers and land owners.

I would also like to register my anger at the timing of this consultation exercise. Taking place over the summer holidays. The Consultation process has been badly communicated and inadequate.

I base my objections on the following reasons:

- Loss of Greenbelt – The national planning policy framework and the conservative manifesto state that they will maintain the level of protection and that any change to the local plan should be under “exceptional circumstances” I do not agree that any of the reasons put forward by WBC meet such circumstance. Having a greenbelt prevents urban sprawl. It was created for a reason and protecting it has helped urban regeneration. Loss of Countryside will change the landscape for ever. Ancient woodland and the rural character of the villages and lanes will be lost.

The Greenbelt helps people to connect to the Countryside, essential for health and wellbeing. WE MUST PROTECT IT.

Increase in Housing – Whilst I understand the need for more housing, I feel this has to be tapered so it does not come at a cost and detriment to those of us who live in the town already.

The proposal of 20,000.00 plus homes is a ridiculous amount of homes for a town such as Warrington to sustain. It will result in Urban sprawl. Pressure on our hospitals, schools and GP surgery's which are already struggling to cope with the population as it is now.

I believe this number to be a miscalculation of the housing needs for Warrington and the flawed vision of making Warrington a city. The majority of residents who live in Warrington have no desire for City status. The proposal for a "Garden City" would ruin the landscape and character of south warrington for the sake of raising rate income for WBC

Traffic - The increase in building will probably mean 40,000.00 more cars on the roads (most homes posses at least 2 cars)Warrington will grind to a standstill. This increased congestion will negate any benefit which may have been gained by the proposed western by-pass.

Warrington has already been named by the World Health Organisation as the second worst place in the North West for air pollution.This causes so many insidious diseases. Is it really the way to tackle the health of the community, by increasing volume of traffic to pollute and

congest the town further? The road building required to accommodate the increase in people and cars will result with years of disturbance and congestion throughout the whole town.

The existing roads and lanes together with our waterways should determine and dictate the limit to Warringtons growth.

Trans Pennine Express - The suggestion that the area in Thelwall and Latchford is converted to a road needs to be abandoned. This trail provides much needed recreational pursuits for the community. Walkers, cycling and horse riders use this much loved trail on a regular basis. It is thriving with wild life and provides a safe place for children and adults to use. The proposal to build a road here will blight the communities of Latchford, Grappenhall and Thelwall. Many now have the threat of compulsory purchase of their homes looming in the not to distant future. This is causing a great deal of upset and stress.

I want to see a regeneration of Warrington Town Centre, an investment in public transport, green space preserved for future generations. Residents need to be able to contribute to the PLDP, Brown field sites such as Fiddlers Ferry and Stretton airfield developed and used for housing. I really hope that WBC listens to the people of Warrington, the majority of whom want this plan scrapped

Kind Regards

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