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Planning Department,
Warrington Borough Council,

29th September 2017

Dear Sirs,

Proposed Local Plan

I feel that the Council has given insufficient weight to the importance of Green Belt and green spaces particularly to the South of Warrington and seemingly either ignored or undervalued paragraphs 79 to 92 of the National Planning Policy Framework. The "evidence" used in the proposal consists of just assertions and assumptions.

I have lived in Moore for [REDACTED] years and one of the main reasons for moving to this village was that it has a distinct identity and I very much appreciate its rural feel and setting.

In writing the Local Plan Warrington Borough Council has seemingly only considered the natural and historic assets within its own borough boundary and have completely overlooked that the village of Moore which immediately adjoins the proposed South Western Urban extension, is both a historic village (with a Conservation area and several listed buildings) and also provides a fantastic natural resource enjoyed by numerous residents from Warrington and beyond, who use the footpath network and towpaths to access Moore Nature Reserve via Moore Lane.

The main purpose of green belt is to prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another – clearly as this proposal would entail housing coming right up to the village boundary at the eastern side of the village, there would be no green belt left and Moore would be ‘swallowed up’ by characterless housing estates. Halton Borough Council has already destroyed significant parts of the Green Belt by allowing development on the Moss adjoining the Manchester Ship Canal within its boundary.

The Port Warrington proposal indicates a large distribution centre with huge warehousing to the north of the Manchester Ship Canal. This development would have a devastating impact on the lives of the residents of Promenade Park as their homes directly overlook this area. There are more than 80 homes on this site and it accounts for nearly a quarter of the population of the village of Moore. The site is beautifully maintained by the residents and is regularly commended by the Cheshire Best

Kept Village Judges. The majority of residents have chosen to retire here because of its pleasant, open setting and relatively peaceful environment. Residents need the reassurance that proper assessments will be made before any permissions are granted, together with enforceable control measures, especially in relation to noise and the visual impact of development.

I am also very concerned about the impact of Port Warrington on Moore Nature Reserve which is important for both wildlife and people in equal measure and must be protected for future generations.

The creation of "Garden City Suburbs" would convert natural rural green space and valuable wildlife habitats into sterile manicured pocket handkerchief token pieces of green dispersed through the various sprawling housing estates.

Finally, all of the above proposals would have a huge, adverse impact on existing services in the area.

All the local medical centres are full (the last information that I have is that The Forge Medical Centre in Stockton Heath had 17,500 patients) and the local roads are regularly clogged with traffic trying to find a route either from Warrington or Runcorn, when there is either a hold up on the M56, the Runcorn Bridge or the M6.

The proposal to construct a new Western by-pass from the A56 through to Great Sankey will add to the congestion and traffic chaos mentioned above.

Yours faithfully,

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