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Planning Policy Team
Warrington Borough Council
New Town House
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Dear Sir/Madam,

We are writing to note our serious concern and register strongest possible objection to Warrington Borough Council's Preferred Development Option (Regulation 18 Consultation July 2017). Our main issues are in relation to the proposal to build approximately 2000 homes on land between the A56 and Runcorn Road (option 2)

Warrington Borough Council's justification in releasing this land from green belt is seriously flawed in that it does not take into account that Moore (immediately adjoining the planned site of development) is both a historic village with listed buildings and a conservation area, but also is the only settlement between Halton and Warrington. To allow this south west extension to take place will erode the green belt between the two boroughs irrevocably and result in Moore losing its identity.

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

We are also extremely concerned about the Port Warrington proposal; this is a development of a large distribution centre with huge warehousing to the north of the Manchester Ship Canal. Such a development would have a devastating impact on the lives of the residents of Promenade Park as their homes directly overlook this area. There are 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.

We further believe that current infrastructure in the South Warrington area cannot cope with expansion at this level; traffic congestion in this area is already a serious concern and Warrington town centre often takes 45 minutes to access (a 4 mile drive). I therefore urge you to re-think your proposals to build both this number of homes and allow the development of Port Warrington without the required assessments and proper investigative work.

Yours faithfully,

