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My husband & I chose to live in the village of Appleton Thorn, especially because of its intrinsic semi-rural location and the size of the village.

We both wish to express our objections to the above "Preferred Development Option" in the strongest possible terms.

i) The Plan would mean the destruction of Green Belt land which is the nation's only means of protecting the natural green spaces for the benefit of all -ourselves, our children & our grandchildren.

The Green Belt is a finite resource, which, once lost, can never be replaced. The National Planning Policy Framework states that Green Belt boundaries should only be altered "in exceptional circumstances"

Brownfield sites should be exhausted before there is any attempt to permit building on Green Belt land. For example,

the site of Fiddlers Ferry is to become available over the next couple of years, where further development could be more appropriately made.

ii) Of gravest concern is the required level of roadwork infrastructure, and the proposals outlined in the PDO raise even more issues with regard to their adverse impact on existing residents in the immediate vicinity.

Traffic throughout the borough is a major issue & to develop predominantly in the south is bound to cause even more congestion and road safety issues, making them unsafe &, consequently, unacceptable.

iii) Unless public transport in Warrington using sustainable transport, the level of air pollution will increase. This must take account of the May 2016 findings of the World Health Organisation, which AT EXISTING LEVELS placed Warrington second worst town in the North West for breaching safe levels of air pollution. If the PDO is adopted then this situation is likely to worsen significantly, putting the health & lives of the population at even greater risk.

The PDO would destroy the very nature of the peaceful, healthy, areas of the borough and would create an innominate, urban sprawl where there once were places of beauty. The residents currently living in such places do not want to see the countryside destroyed. There is no parity whatsoever with other areas of the town. South Warrington is bearing the brunt of most of the development proposals, whereas North and East Warrington are hardly touched.

We ask that the PDO be rejected in favour of more environmentally friendly and equitable development plans for the future of our borough.

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