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Dear Sir,

Warrington Borough Council Local Plan. Preferred Development Option Regulation 18 Consultation

I am writing to lodge my objection to The Warrington Preferred Development Option and TPT Bypass.

I moved here to Warrington ■ years ago. Never planning on staying I soon found that Grappenhall and Thelwall was a welcoming and thriving community. Warrington wasn't a City it wasn't too big it had good leisure facilities, plenty of green space, good schools and a friendly night life. It had good road links to the City's should I choose to visit them. It had good shopping facilities and should I require a big shopping day I could visit The Trafford centre or Liverpool One or access most things on the ever-developing Internet. Warrington town had all the touches of a "Good Feel Town". The decision to stay in Grappenhall was purely down to the area and the people. I found that this location was generally more inviting than many other parts of Warrington and having decided to stay I now have a family that are very firmly embedded in the community. I have stayed in the same house in Grappenhall until very recently, when my family and I moved to a house on the end of the TPT. It was a difficult decision to move, we took out a large mortgage to give our children an improved living space. The journey was not easy not least thanks to the constraints of WBC and their policy on developing on the Green Belt. Planning permission was originally turned down because measurements were outside those allowed for developments within the Green Belt. We readily altered our plans freely grateful of the planners need to protect the lovely landscape. We now sit in the garden at night and watch Bats fly around and listen to the Tawny Owl, the abundance of birds

of all varieties is amazing. I see a different miracle of nature happen every day. Yesterday alone I saw different species of fungi, I see changing seasons develop every day. I walk my dog on the trail every day and my children use the trail to get to school and meet with their friends. We speak and chat to everyone we meet; and then I remember that the plan is to build a road through this accessible to all beautiful green space. A new road will destroy all this.

I had hoped that my children would choose to stay in the area but as WBC are now choosing to destroy this community and replace it with a totally new one I feel that should our home be subject to a CPO or blighted we would have no choice but to leave the area, along with many more people of Grappenhall and Thelwall. The community bond will be lost to pave the way for vast amounts of newcomers. Good schools will be knocked down and replaced. Families will be moved out of their homes and away from an area where their lives are established.

I object for the following reasons :

Transport Network - The new road suggested in the plans will

- Destroy Homes
- Destroy wildlife habitats
- Increase pollution
- Increase the risk of flooding
- Increase Noise pollution
- Destroy Green space
- Impact on Mental Health and Wellbeing

New Housing – Increased population will

- Put more strain on an already very over stretched local authority budget
- Increase the need for more GP's – There is already a national shortage of GP's
- Increase the need for schools – There is already a national shortage of teachers
- Increase the demand on public services such as refuge services and recycling facilities, emergency services,

New Industrial Units and employment area

- Will stay empty along with the long list of other already developed and empty in the town.

The proposal

Having attended several consultations, I have been dismayed at the inabilities of those leading the them. I have had an array of answers to my questions always the same question never the same answer. Today I still do not know the exact location of the road, I do not know the exact impact of the community, the actual cost to the Local Authority and the method of funding such a development. I do not understand when this will happen and when I will be made aware that I will be subject to a CPO. It is very evident that the timing of the consultation was to ensure responses

were low as it was a holiday time and the way the proposal has been brought to the attention on the community is appalling. WBC have shown little or no respect for the whole town. WBC have not been clear or transparent.

I would much prefer to see my local councillors looking at and

- Supporting sustainable transport.
- Supporting Improvements to the M56 and M60
- Making good what we already have, many Brown sites exist plenty of them in derelict areas needing regeneration
- Increasing bus and other public services to reduce the pollution from engine emissions and lower the vehicles using the roads.
- Improving schools and GP surgeries
- Developing Cycling initiatives

I feel it is proposal is a tragedy, and unfortunately, I believe that the voices of the community will not be listened to. I also fear that as is common with WBC they will go ahead with the CPO leaving many a home empty and then change their plans. I now have very little confidence in WBC.

I look forward to receiving your response to my objection.

Your sincerely

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