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Dear Sir or Madam:

We wish to object to the current proposed PDO (preferred development option) for the following reasons.

Inadequate consultation

We do not feel that this plan has been adequately consulted on. The information that we have been provided with about this PDO has all been as a result of residents sharing information. We did not even know that the consultation was taking place as we do not buy the local paper.

We have looked at the information on the Warrington Borough Council website. We have found it difficult to understand the maps, the wording used to describe the options and the technical jargon that litters the documents. We have tried to complete the consultation online but we do not understand half the questions as they are not written in layman terms. To be completely frank the consultation and engagement has been shocking.

Volume of housing

We believe it is misleading of the council to let the public believe that the volume of housing required is set by the Government.

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The volume of housing calculated by WBC has been done when the HS2 line would require a stop in Warrington and prior to the Brexit announcement. In addition, the Government has announced a revised housing requirement calculation methodology which has not been taken into consideration. We believe therefore the volume of housing is unnecessary and miscalculated.

Insufficient consideration of Brownfield

There is a large volume of brownfield land in the area. We have not seen any evidence from WBC to show that due consideration has been given to develop these areas before planning to release the greenbelt land.

Greenbelt and environment

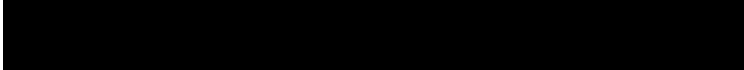
We have huge concerns about the impact this option would have on the environment. Loss of habitat, recreational areas, natural flood plain (surface water and critical ordinary watercourses) and decreased air quality are just some of the concerns I have. Once the greenbelt is released we cannot get this back. We all have a duty to protect the environment for future generations as our elected council this is a key part of your role. We do not believe that enough has been done to look at other sites for development to warrant release of the greenbelt.

The destruction of parts the Trans Pennine Trail would have a huge impact on the local area and people within it. This is a huge positive for this part of Warrington and brings people to the area, both to visit and live.

Infrastructure

The infrastructure in Warrington cannot cope now. The knock on effect of problems on the motorways surrounding us can affect the traffic in the town for hours after. Even with improved roads in the town, there will always be a bottle neck. We have not seen any evidence to show that this has been adequately modelled.

There is already pressure on schools, doctors and dentist in the local area, the extra housing if approved will require a significant investment. We have not seen any evidence that reassures us that this will be adequately addressed.



Finally, we must stress, a large majority of residents of Warrington do not want to live in a city, we enjoy escaping to the countryside (our greenbelt) and breathing the fresh air away from the big cities. **Please don't destroy our greenbelt.**

Thank you for reading our objections.

Kind Regards

