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We wish to register our comments in relation to the Local Plan for proposed future housing development in Warrington.

We have lived in Warrington for [REDACTED] years and recognise the need for new housing in the future, but believe that this should be carried out on brownfield sites rather than sacrificing green belt land.

We have particular objections to the Call for Sites report R18/107 which outlines a proposed development on agricultural land on Stage Lane and Mill Lane, Lymm.

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As well as the visual impact and reduced privacy specific to us as local residents, we have the following more general objections to this site as one for potential future housing:

Infrastructure

Mill Lane, Stage Lane and Sandy Lane which surround the site are narrow country roads that already are busy and dangerous due to high use. Since we have lived here, there has been a fatal road traffic collision on Mill Lane. These roads and others nearby, for example Burford Lane under the canal bridge, simply will not cope with increased traffic.

Local schools and GP surgeries are also at capacity.

Environmental concerns

The fields proposed for this development are high quality farmland, used to produce much needed cereal crops, specifically oats this year. The HS2 development locally will already lead to a large reduction in agricultural land, and a further loss through housing is not acceptable.

This farmland supports a range of wildlife. We have seen birds of prey, bats, mice, frogs and toads in our garden as well as sparrows and other small birds. These would be lost if the fields become a housing estate.

We would be grateful if the above comments could be taken into account by the relevant reviewing body when the Local Plan is considered in detail.

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