



To Whom it may concern,

I write to object in the strongest possible terms to the proposed plan for 20,000 plus houses to be built in South Warrington.

The consultation has been completely inadequate: Residents of Warrington do not want Warrington to become a city. They want a vibrant usable town centre and a viable transport infrastructure fit for purpose. The plan is based on assumption the planned 24,000 new homes is required. The Council has admitted this is more than required.

The National Planning Policy Framework says Green Belt boundaries should only be altered in exceptional circumstances. Why does WBS believe these are exceptional circumstances? The land is not spare land it is being used for agriculture.

The size of the planning will completely destroy the character of the areas. Villages of Stretton, Appleton Thorn, Hatton, Grappenhall and Walton will lose their identity and become part of an urban sprawl. The present green fields between these villages is used by all, and is full of natural diversity.

The impact on the traffic through Stockton Heath which is already dreadful due to having to cross the Manchester Ship Canal will become complete grid locked. No detailed traffic survey has been included in the plan and the proposed ideas do not remotely address the increased traffic needs.

There has been no high level environmental and ecological impact survey. Protecting wildlife matters only yesterday I observed a bustard hunting and catching a small mammal in the area around Stretton. I frequently see bats on the border of Stretton and Appleton Thorn. People from all over Warrington have enjoyed and still enjoy the diversity of the area.

As a carer for aged parents I frequently use the services of Warrington and Halton hospital and am very aware of the strain on services. I work in a Pharmacy within a Doctor's surgery and see daily the pressure on both services as we work at capacity. The Plan proposes new health facilities, but with the strain on the NHS and the lack of staff is this adequate?

We believe that practically all of Warrington's Green Belt could be preserved by the scaling back of the planned housing and development. This massive increase is not necessary or

wanted.

yours sincerely,

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