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**Subject:**

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Warrington Borough Council Local Plan 1

Dear Sir,

With regard to the above, I make the following comment:

You propose to eat in to green belt land, but this is only permitted under 'exceptional circumstances'.

I cannot see within the brief where these 'exceptional circumstances' are defined.

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**Subject:**

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Fw: Warrington Borough Council Local Plan 2

Dear Sir,

With regard to the above, I make the following comment:

The plans you propose will destroy the character and heritage of the areas of Warrington that they touch. Many residents, including myself, have chosen to live where we do because of the environment as it currently stands.

In fact, Warrington's last mayor, the then Councillor *Faisal Rashid* in his biography stated as a reason for moving to Warrington the wealth of open land the area proudly possesses.

I can only assume that nobody closely connected with the operation of these proposals actually lives within the areas affected.

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**Subject:**

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Warrington Borough Council Local Plan 3

Dear Sir,

With regard to the above, I make the following comment:

I struggle to see how the developments proposed would enable the town to claim the status of 'City'.

I struggle even more to see why this status should be granted to the town when it was only a few short years ago when the council attempted to do away with the towns proud coat of arms.

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**Subject:**

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Warrington Borough Council Local Plan 4

Dear Sir,

With regard to the above, I make the following comment:

There are brownfield sites available to use before the greenbelt areas should be touched.

Fiddlers Ferry Power Station is nearly at the end of its life, another brownfield site that could be usefully utilised. I wonder if this has been considered?

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**Subject:**

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Warrington Borough Council Local Plan S

Dear Sir,

With regard to the above, I make the following comment:

The plan would appear to encourage, not limit, the urban sprawl that South Warrington will become.

I say this based on the maps that you have made available, although the maps actually reveal very little detail. I struggle to locate where I actually live on some of the maps. Perhaps a deliberate ploy?

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**Subject:**

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Warrington Borough Council Local Plan 6

Dear Sir,

With regard to the above, I make the following comment:

I do not recall in the 'Warrington Means Business' master plan any references to a Garden City Suburb. An architects whim maybe?

At least in the days of 'Warrington New Town' most of the development took place over the Royal Ordnance Factory site. This new plan is trampling over land that people currently enjoy.

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**Subject:**

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Warrington Borough Council Local Plan 7

Dear Sir,

With regard to the above, I make the following comment:

I assume no calculations have been made with reference to increased pollution levels as a result of the 30,000 odd new residents and their motor vehicles that are to arrive as no claims have been made for this. This is some of Cheshire's finest countryside that you are burying for ever. I hope you are sure of what you are doing. It won't be easily undone.

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**Subject:**

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Warrington Borough Council Local Plan 9

Dear Sir,

With regard to the above, I make the following comment:

Warrington health care is already stretched to the extreme.

The latest Warrington General Hospital newsletter states the following:

"our vision for the future is a smaller, purpose built hospital".

The executive committee are looking for a new location. I don't see any reference to this in your plans.... a matter of the left hand not knowing what the right hand is doing perhaps?

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**Subject:**

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Warrington Borough Council Local Plan 10

Dear Sir,

With regard to the above, I make the following comment:

I can trace no reference to enquiry into environmental impact, wildlife destruction, protected species etc.

I trust you wont march heavy footed over these sensitive issues?

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**Subject:**

Warrington Borough Council Local Plan 11

Dear Sir,

With regard to the above, I make the following comment:

Stockton Lane: It was only 10 years ago that the Warrington Guardian reported as follows:

"The Grappenhall road was voted shut last night by a unanimous vote by the traffic committee.

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and a t m orary closure order has been in force ever since.

Is it really safe for busses? I wonder what [Redacted] makes of this?

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**Subject:**

Warrington Borough Council Local Plan 13

Dear Sir,

With regard to the above, I make the following comment:

I, like you, am growing older. I have chosen where I live because of the quiet environment around my home.

Your plans seem to make no reference to welfare for the elderly. Is there, perhaps, no place for them in your idealised City of Warrington [Redacted]

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**Subject:**

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Warrington Borough Council Local Plan 14

Dear Sir,

With regard to the above, I make the following comment:

Your plans detail how many new houses will be built, but I expect that the town will end up with more empty properties than that as residents decide to move away from the 'little boxes' about which Pete Seeger sang. Trouble is, they will all have dropped in value due to the corruption of the environment that your plans promise.

Will a sum be put aside to ameliorate this issue?

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**Subject:**

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Warrington Borough Council Local Plan 1S

With regard to the above I comment as follows:

WARRINGTON has been named and shamed by the World Health Organisation (WHO) as the second worst place in the North West of England for breaching safety levels for air pollution. The town has even made it in to Private Eye magazine... it doesn't get much worse than that.

Has your plan for the increase of housing, along with the cars and the pollution that goes with them, taken account of this fact? I suspect not.

**Regards,**

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**Subject:**

Warrington Borough Council Local Plan 16

With regard to the above, I comment as follows:

This document uses published information from the NHS about our services in Warrington. Reports from the Care Quality Commission, who are responsible for inspecting health services, talk on many occasions about how skilled and committed the staff working in our hospitals and the community are. NHS leaders in Cheshire and Merseyside have developed a sustainability and Transformation Plan which means they have to save over £900 million by 2020. There will be very little money to grow services to meet the needs of Warrington's population.

In England, Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) that are responsible for planning, commissioning and monitoring our health services are reviewed every year. A report published by the Government in July 2017, which was a national assessment of all Clinical Commissioning Groups, said that **Warrington CCG requires improvement**.

CCGs face a very difficult task, particularly as NHS budgets are generally recognised as being under pressure. It is unclear how this will be managed if the population of Warrington increases in line with the PDO plans. (see below)

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2017/07/Annual-assessment-report-16-17.pdf>

The Royal College of GPs said in 2015 that Warrington was one of the top ten places in England that has a shortfall in the numbers of GPs for the size of our community population.

They said we already need a 57% increase in our GP numbers (55). There is a national shortage of GPs. It is not clear in the PDO how the additional GPs the population will need will be found.

<http://www.pulsetoday.co.uk/your-practice/practice-topics/employment/some-areas-of-england-needing-more-than-50-boost-to-gp-numbers-claims-rcgp/20009186.article>

When the CQC last inspected Warrington and Halton Hospitals they said that it **requires improvement. In a report published in June of this year Warrington hospitals were shown to have missed some of the care standards that they are expected to achieve. These included**

A&E 4 hour waits- **Warrington 91.55%, Target 95%**

Cancer patients having first treatment within 62 days **Warrington 75%, Target 85%**

Patients with breast symptoms waiting for 2 weeks - **Warrington 87% Target 93%**

<https://improvement.nhs.uk/resources/quarterly-performance-nhs-provider-sector-quarter-1-201718/>

in 2015 the CQC said that in Warrington they thought urgent and emergency care services are good, as is surgery, end of life care and services for children and young people. They also said however that medical care, including older people's care **requires improvement as does intensive and critical care, maternity and gynaecology care.**

The CQC raised concerns about access to services and delayed discharges reporting that **all the hospital's beds were often full** and that patients were unable to get the support they needed to go home.

In addition, the CQC raised concern that there were **not always enough doctors** to see patients in a timely way and that there were **not enough nurses to cope if patients needed additional care**. Because of these things the CQC were concerned that it was difficult to be sure that patients ended up on the best ward for their care. <http://www.cqc.org.uk/location/RWWWH>

The Bridgewater Community Trust provide many of the community services to Warrington.

The CQC published a report about this organisation in February 2017 and said they feel it **requires improvement**. They found some areas of **outstanding practice and good services** including community inpatient care, some services for adults and good work with the ambulance service. They also identified

some areas that require improvement including dental care, services for children, young people and families, urgent and end of life care.

They also expressed concern about staffing numbers and waiting times.

<http://www.cqc.org.uk/provider/RX2>

The CQC assesses organisation using 5 categories.

This document shows that there are many good things about our health services but also that they are under pressure and are not always able to give us the quality of care we need.

It is unclear what the impact of an increasing population would have on our local health services.

**Regards,**

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**Subject:**

Warrington borough council local plan 17

With regard to the above, I comment as follows:

Building the numbers of houses and roads, as described by the PDO, is likely to bring thousands of extra cars in to the town every day. There is clear evidence that motor vehicles make a significant contribution to poorer air quality and congestion.

1. Air Pollution is recognised as a contributing factor in the onset of heart disease and cancer. The health cost of this in the UK is thought to be about £16 Billion every year.

2. Professor Paul Cosford the Medical Director for Public Health England, a national organisation that advises the Government and Local Authorities how to improve everyone's health said in March 2017

"Air pollution can damage lives with harmful effects on human health, the economy and the environment. It is the largest environmental risk to the public's health, contributing to cardiovascular disease, lung cancer and respiratory diseases.

It increases the chances of hospital admissions, visits to Emergency Departments and respiratory and cardiovascular symptoms which interfere with everyday life, especially for people who are already vulnerable. Bad air quality affects everyone and it has a disproportionate impact on the young and old, the sick and the poor"

[https://laqm.defra.gov.uk/assets/63091\\_defraairqualityguide9web.pdf](https://laqm.defra.gov.uk/assets/63091_defraairqualityguide9web.pdf)

The plans are highly likely to increase the pressure on local NHS services due to poorer air quality.

3. In Warrington in 2013, 4.8% of all deaths were caused by man-made particulate pollution in our air, which is equal to 95 unnecessary deaths a year. This is slightly worse than the average for the North West of 4.6%.

4. In 2015 WBC measured levels of a harmful air polluter called Nitrous Oxide in 47 places around the town. It has an annual mean objective of keeping levels below **40µg/m<sup>3</sup>**. The Council's own monitoring showed that in 2015, 28 (60%) of those sites had pollution levels higher than their own objective. In 2014 only 8 (17%) of sites exceeded that level so Warrington's Air Quality worsened.

Information source for points 1,3 & 4. WBC Air Quality Annual Status Report 2016.

[https://www.warrington.gov.uk/info/201090/environmental\\_issues/2024/air\\_quality\\_and\\_pollution](https://www.warrington.gov.uk/info/201090/environmental_issues/2024/air_quality_and_pollution)

5. In May 2016, the World Health Organisation said that Warrington is the second worst place in the North West for breaching air pollution safety levels.

1. 6. In 2011 the Council's Local Transport Strategy said o Warrington has a higher percentage of households with 2 or more vehicles (36%) than the rest of the North West (27%) or UK (30%).
2. o Warrington attracts more journeys to work (97,078) each day than it generates (85,813) and is the 8th largest attractor of work trips in Greater Manchester, Merseyside & Cheshire.
3. o Warrington has a higher percentage of people commuting over 20km to work in (17%) or out (18%) of the borough than the rest of the North West (10% & 14%).

These figures show that Warrington already has a heavy reliance on motor vehicles. Should the plans be approved air quality may worsen.



Regards,

