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To whom it may concern

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

I am writing as I wish to strongly oppose the Preferred Development Option for many reasons, which I will lay out.

I am appalled by the council's lack of respect for preserving the precious green belt land that we are incredibly lucky to have here in South Warrington. There is enough Brownfield land across Warrington to build up to 15,000 homes, which is potentially enough to meet the housing requirement set by the government. The figure that the WBC is saying is needed, is hugely over inflated.

I also feel that South Warrington has been chosen for development because of the potential council tax income that it will create, rather than focusing on building more affordable housing in areas where people won't have to commute to work. This will therefore create more congestion on our already poorly planned roads. We are the town with the second highest pollution levels in the North West of England, we do not need more cars. With several canals and rivers creating few points for crossing, Warrington is the wrong town for this size of development. I feel that other options have not been suitably explored,

Warrington hospital is already under tremendous strain, having to close during the winter season due to the pressure of too many patients. Stockton Heath's doctor's surgery amongst others is already working over capacity, so much so, it is now the norm to have a consultation over the phone as seeing a doctor isn't an option. Although your plan potentially may provide another surgery, this will not come close to dealing with the problem. All of our town's services will collapse under these plans.

I would also like to vehemently oppose the development of the Trans Pennine Trail in Grappenhall to build a road/transportation route. The route is popular with people from all over the North West for walking, cycling and observing the natural habitats of protected species. The destruction this would cause, not only to the trail, but also to people's homes along the route would be devastating. The families and elderly home owners that would have their homes bulldozed and those that keep their homes facing the new concrete monstrosity out of their windows, will face an unmeasurable amount of stress and financial loss.

The costs involved with this development are ridiculously high, for example the

amount of repairs needed to the high level bridges for roads/ bus routes, the strengthening of embankments, compulsory property and land purchases, all for a plan that is 100% opposed by the taxpayers of this town, the people who vote for the council members, the people who chose to live here because it is a town, because it has such beautiful natural areas. Nobody bought their home here because they want it to be a city. Anyone who wanted that bought a home in Manchester, Liverpool or Chester.

I am also really angry and disappointed with how the people in charge of this consultation have let the people of Warrington down. There was severely inadequate advertising of these proposals and the consultation process, which started during the school holidays when most residents were away. Also the inadequate number of consultations were held before the full infrastructure feasibility study was completed. The quality of the maps provided were appalling, with no roads named to try and cover the destruction being proposed, but most frustrating has been the massively contradicting answers that have been given to the same questions at different consultation events.

The government are clear on their stance that greenbelt land should not be used for housing. Numerous nature charities have spoken out at the devastation to natural habitats and protected species, but most importantly you must listen to the people of Warrington who live here because they love it here and DO NOT want it to change.

Yours sincerely

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