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Dear Sir,

I object to the proposed Local Plan for the following reasons:

- Greenbelt land should not be built on unless there is absolutely no alternative. The case is not made that there are exceptional circumstances for doing so. Environmental issues have not been sufficiently taken into account.
- No detailed traffic survey is included in the current plan. The traffic situation in Warrington is already extremely challenging, especially whenever there are problems in the surrounding motorway network, and in particular when trying to pass through Stockton Heath or Stretton. There is currently an inadequate number of crossings over the Ship Canal and the Mersey. One additional high-level bridge will not suffice. Adding thousands of additional houses (and hence cars) will only exacerbate these problems. Additional traffic will greatly reduce the quality of life for residents due to additional noise and pollution.
- The plan provides few proper details about infrastructure. It promises roads, healthcare facilities, schools, sports facilities, parks, etc., but without any firm proposals. It is, however, much more detailed about plans to build housing and seems to be a plan written by, and in the interests of, developers rather than a serious, well-considered and well-balanced plan for Warrington residents. The requirement for additional housing should be determined by actual need rather than political ambition.
- WBC wants to create a 'New City' but what evidence is there that the residents of Warrington share this ambition? The 'Garden City Suburb' plan for South Warrington will completely change the area in a way which the vast majority of residents object to. The area is currently based on a number of small villages, with green space in between. This gives it a certain character and quality of life. Warrington should not become a city without very good reason, such as retaining independence from Liverpool and Manchester.
- Healthcare requirements are not adequately addressed. Any new health facilities will have to be provided by the NHS. Have they been consulted with?

Yours,

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