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Over a period of time we have become aware of WBC's plans for housing development in south and south east Warrington.

We are very concerned by the huge number of new houses proposed, in particular these are:

- Release of green belt land to be built on. I understood green belt was protected land and could only be released in exceptional circumstances and I don't accept that these circumstances have been proven. Surely you should build on brown field sites first rather than green belt as a first option. The countryside and green areas are important for people of all ages to enjoy and to remove much of this would be detrimental to all including their health reducing where people can walk and exercise without being on top of car fumes etc
- We moved to Warrington due to its smaller size when compared to say Manchester or Liverpool and prefer the smaller town status and size as opposed to a larger City. We do not want to live in a concrete jungle, surely those who do choose to live in or close to a city not be forced to by the council allowing huge housing developments that we do not need.
- The proposed expansion would change the area completely from its existing character, with the history and heritage changed permanently
- Stockton Heath, Grappenhall and even Lymm villages would be totally inundated and unable to cope with the increased population
- Traffic is already significantly heavy and with restricted access points over the ship canal and traffic will become gridlocked into Warrington
- Warrington town already cannot cope with the traffic volume and will also become gridlocked
- Access to the M6 and M56 is already difficult and slow, the number of houses proposed and the increased traffic will bring huge traffic problems to the area (as well as the detrimental effects on health from the co2 emissions)
- How will the healthcare, schools and local amenities deal with such a huge increase? Has this even been assessed or a coherent plan put forward? as I cannot see it being anything other than unworkable

The plan refers to a Garden City suburb but in truth it will become a concrete nightmare with no green spaces and endless traffic jams

Please significantly scale back the proposed development to retain the green belt land

Regards

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