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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 to strongly oppose the Preferred Development Option that has been proposed.

I would firstly like to vehemently oppose the development of the Trans Pennine Trail in Grappenhall to build a road/transportation route. From the maps that have been released, this would destroy my home and the area that I have lived in for the past [REDACTED] [REDACTED] years. I am nearly seventy years old and am not willing or able to move and start again. The TPT 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 our homes along the route would be devastating. The families and other elderly home owners that would face an unmeasurable amount of stress and financial loss.

I am also 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 enough homes to meet the housing requirement set by the government. The figure that the WBC is saying is needed, is hugely over inflated.

South Warrington has been chosen for development because of the potential council tax income that it will generate, rather than focusing on building more affordable housing in areas where people won't have to commute to work. 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's services are already under tremendous strain, with the hospital 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. The plans do not compensate or come close to fixing this problem. All of our town's services will collapse under these plans.

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 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. We have three cities in close proximity, it is ridiculous for Warrington to aim for that status as well.

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 failed to reach all of the residents and as, like me, many are not on social media, they have not been warned of these ridiculous plans. 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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