Dear Sir or Madam

Ref-Local Plan Preferred Development Option.

I am writing to object in the strongest terms to the potential building of houses on green belt farmland in Croft.

The British countryside is disappearing due to development of green-field sites. This precious land will never return to it's original character.

Croft is being targeted by multi million pound property giants yet we are a small, rural farming-centric village community.

The beautiful environs of Warrington are at risk of being pillaged in the most cynical way as a high-profit piece of real-estate.

I am shocked and saddened the Council would even consider this given that Croft is one of the last remaining true villages in the borough. Are we to expect WBC will simply ignore green belt status now? It's unthinkable. There is plenty brownfield land locally that is crying out of investment and development.

Both Abbey Close and Deacons Close are currently Culcheth-de-sacs and could be turned in to busy through roads. This is totally unacceptable to entirely change the function of a road where people have invested their hard working wages in their homes.

If these plans go ahead, instead of being a village, Croft will become a housing estate conjoining Winwick and Culcheth. Croft has no shops and not even a single safe crossing for residents, the only crossing is to the Church used barely once a week. Croft will just be a suburban sprawl. Queues of cars that already blight the lanes at rush hour will get longer and longer. The road and infrastructure network is not sufficient for further houses.

Even if a small amount of building commences, the more that's built the less rural Croft becomes, destroying its unique rural character bit by bit.

Even putting village-life aside, the ecosystem will receive another blow as wildlife habitats are destroyed. Hedgerows supporting our native songbirds and mini beasts are torn away and impact the lungs of the country just a little more with every root uplifted.

Croft is a rare, precious rural village community . Please, please support the preservation of our small English villages in Warrington and help keep England the green and pleasant land it should be.

With kindest regards