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Dear Sirs

We wish to express our concerns regarding the proposed Local Plan for the south Warrington area and the effect this will have on local communities and the environment.

Whereas we accept building of houses on brownfield sites, there is also a proposal to build further housing on Green Belt which would completely change the aspect of this area and have implications for increased traffic on the roads which are already at 'breaking point.' Present infrastructures would not take this as is seen by the traffic problems already suffered on a daily basis on motorways and roads in the area. The toll on the Mersey Gateway Bridge is already impacting on driver choices to go via Warrington and further housing would add to the congestion not to mention the parking issues already experienced. Schools and medical centres are already full.

There is mention of a Retail Park in the plan which adds to the already congested nature of the roads as can be seen in the Retail Parks to the north and centre of the town. Also, do we really need another Retail Park and what impact will this have on the retail establishments in the town centre?

Warrington does not need to become a 'city,' there are enough cities in the UK and Warrington needs to focus on establishing support for businesses and communities in the area without drastically increasing its size.

Environmental issues are very much to the fore at present with damage to our countryside and air pollution high on the agenda. More housing is going to impact on this greatly. Open spaces are vital for people to access in order to maintain quality of life and to support people with mental health issues. The spaces between, Lymm, Grappenhall and Thelwall are vital to maintain the village character of each. Residents have chosen to live here because of this; if we wanted to live in a city, we would have bought houses in a city not a village.

To summarise, we object to:

- the building on Green Belt and the impact this would have on the environment
- any development which will link Lymm, Thelwall and Grappenhall together
- the building of a further Retail Park in Warrington
- the 'city' status for Warrington.

Kind regards



