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Dear [REDACTED]

I have tried to respond to the official Public Consultation on the proposed Local Plan via the Council's website set up for the purpose but unfortunately the site froze hence this email being sent directly to you.

My wife and I moved from [REDACTED] to Warrington [REDACTED] years ago for family reasons and were amazed at the general attractiveness of the area. Visitors from the south have also commented on the exceptional appeal of the locality with one guest who commented that the brilliant planning that enabled the significant residential development to be combined with the successful retention of so much attractive countryside was "unique" in his experience.

I mention all this because if there is an ambition to achieve City status it seems to me that it would be important to retain, as far as possible, such areas in order to attract those people the area will need if it is to make the desired future progress. People with high skill levels (and presumably, higher levels of income) will have options and whilst they may work in Warrington they may choose to live elsewhere outside the Borough - which means that Warrington would largely miss out on the benefits of their greater spending power as well as any non - monetary benefits that such people can sometimes bring to an area, whilst at the same time, having to cope with increased traffic congestion as they travel in and out to work each day.

The sheer scale of the residential development in the proposed Garden Suburb seems excessive and cannot be achieved without fundamentally changing the character of Appleton and Stretton. As I understand it, possible development in the villages in North Warrington was rejected on the grounds that it was important to retain their character. Whilst obviously agreeing that this is desirable it is difficult to understand why similar consideration cannot be given to similar areas in South Warrington.

Since living here, we have been very impressed with the brownfield developments that have taken place and would commend the Council and developers for all they have achieved in this respect. We appreciate that Central Government policy has an impact on the Council's approach to these matters but would simply appeal to those who will make the final decisions to consider "spreading the load" more equitably between areas in the North and South of the borough and hope that the wonderful asset that Warrington has in its surrounding semi-rural areas is not lost forever!

Many thanks - [REDACTED]