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Dear Sir/Madam

I wish to object to the proposals to build on green belt land in South Warrington. I am also at a loss to understand why the council is not making plans to build on sites already in the town which are empty or derelict. As in other towns, a compulsory order should be made on those sites/houses which have been allowed to fall into disrepair and therefore be brought into the housing stock equation to satisfy some of the number of properties needed.

The case for more houses is not an exceptional circumstance - there are plenty of large Brown Field sites which could be developed before ruining our green spaces. It has been proven that children growing up with green/open space around them thrive more than those without. We should be protecting our area for the children growing up now and in the future.

Why is there no plan for North Warrington? There are a number of areas there already that could easily be developed.

I do not understand why the council is striving for City status – who wants this? as to my knowledge this has never been put to the people to comment/vote on. This appears to be the one of the reasons for an increase in required housing. Consultation should be sought on this vision and if the people are not in favour, there would be a significant drop in the number of houses required/planned.

I understand that the land separating Appleton Thorn, Stretton and Grappenhall village will be entirely built on, putting even more pressure on the road network, which in many areas is unsuitable and already suffers from gridlock on a regular basis. No traffic survey has been submitted so it would be difficult to see how this would work. Infrastructure is a huge and important part of the proposed plans and should be on view to the public along with the Development Plan.

Existing health care facilities, schools, leisure facilities and public transport will need to be upgraded/extended or all will be under enormous pressure unless these are included in the plan.

We also need to preserve the village of Stockton Heath as a vibrant, accessible place. There is already pressure on all the roads in and around the village for traffic use and parking. Further mass housing will exacerbate the situation together with the additional traffic not wanting to use the toll bridges.

Yours faithfully

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