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I would hereby like to register my objection to the Preferred Development Option set out by Warrington Borough Council.

Main reasons for my objection are:

1. The proposed increase in housing in such large numbers doesn't seem to address existing problems within Warrington.

The strain currently on the Hospital

The strain on local GP surgeries

Cuts to Social Care

Oversubscribed schools [REDACTED]
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The transport infrastructure does not cope now at busy times.

The swing bridge crossings are dilapidated and cause gridlock when in use at busy times

The plan focuses on providing increased housing and not so much on the supporting infrastructure, that is needed now before any future houses are considered.

2. The proposed use of the green belt for housing

Green belt is supposed to prevent urban sprawl, the council were keen to protect it several years ago and it seems such a dramatic turnaround now.

The proposed loss of this green belt area would be devastating to wildlife habitats, woodland and hedgerows. It would have a dramatic effect on the village community of the individual areas.

3. The conversion of part of the Transpennine Trail and the disused rail embankment through Thelwall, Grappenhall and Latchford.

This has been denied and skipped over during the consultation process and has appeared as a vague transport route. I suspect it has some future role to play in connecting the town centre in conjunction with the Western Link development.

It would be another environmental blow to the area to create a high-level road along this route, instead of the attractive green corridor that it currently provides.

If this is the case that this route becomes a road it will become a rat run for people trying to avoid problems when they occur on the motorways causing local pollution levels in terms of emissions and noise affecting residents who live all along this route.

4. Garden City Status

The vast majority of residents in South Warrington do not want to become a city. I certainly don't, which is one of the reasons we chose Grappenhall to live in. If I wanted to live in a city I'd have chosen to move to Manchester. By over developing the area it will lose its semi-rural appeal where a

short walk will take you to the Transpennine trail or some fantastic views along the banks of the Bridgewater canal.

I found the lack of transparency by the council over this whole plan to be of concern as it took local residents themselves to make this common knowledge.

Yours faithfully

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