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I live in Appleton and am writing to express my concern over WBC's preferred development plan in South Warrington. Whilst I appreciate the need for more housing in the area, I should like to know if all brownfield sites have been exhausted as potential locations before commencing the desecration of what is undeniably attractive countryside.

This green belt land is important in many ways, primarily because it serves as much needed 'lungs' for Warrington, an area known to be air polluted. Other issues are the destruction of wildlife habitats; the impact on already stretched hospital and GP practices by the introduction of extra residents and the adverse affect on traffic in the area. This is already problematical whenever there is an incident on the nearby motorways, leading to gridlock in Stockton a Heath and environs. I should also like to know what surveys have been done in terms of drainage and sewerage, as historically, there have been problems with the building of properties on green belt land in this area..

I look forward to your response.

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