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I want to draw your attention to the above plan, and hopefully enlist your help to oppose it. The Plan proposes the building of 24,000 new homes, the largest section of which would be built on Green belt land south of the Manchester Ship Canal.

This area contains some of the most picturesque countryside in Warrington as well as ancient woodland (Lumb brook Wood) and part of the Trans Pennine Trail. The exceptional circumstances quoted in the plan for such wholesale destruction of our heritage are meaningless to most Warrington residents but of great interest to Landowners and developers. This would be prime building land. The profits would be stratospheric as it is the most expensive area in Warrington and even features nationally among high value property areas- e.g. Lymm. Such houses would do nothing to help Warrington residents whose greatest need is for affordable housing.

There are sufficient brownfield sites in Warrington for 15,000 houses, a much more reasonable figure. The proposal for 24,000 new houses over the next 20 years would mean a population increase of 25%! The number of new cars in Warrington would push our air pollution through the roof. Warrington already has the 2nd highest air pollution in the north west. Not to mention what this would mean for our overstretched hospital and other services. The 24,000 figure was assessed before BREXIT and before the Governments new Guideline for housing plans.

The plan also indicates a new transport route over the Canal to run from M6/56 access to join the major route west route out of Warrington towards Liverpool etc. Incidentally this route which could be a dual carriageway, would obliterate part of The Trans Pennine Trail and would necessitate demolition of scores of houses in its path [REDACTED] We would not be able to afford one of the new houses proposed for the Greenbelt. Where would we go -all our families are here. I'm not a 'NIMBY' I'm a 'Please don't take my home and family life away.

The whole nature of our town will be drastically changed if this plan goes ahead. Warrington is composed of villages - some heavily built up ex industrial, residential and some rural. They each have their own identity and strong family connections. It can still claim to be a semi rural area as we are surrounded by greenbelt land. And we need and use the countryside- walking, running, cycling and just plain recreational. Don't allow planners and developers to turn our large enough town into a city. We are surrounded by cities and don't want to join up to them by urban sprawl.

Yours

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