I strongly disagree with the Local Plan and wish this E-Mail to be accepted as my Formal Objection.

My reasons are as follows...

- The sheer size of the proposed house build in the plan is overwhelming and would have a massive, detrimental & destructive impact on the nature and character of South Warrington overall and Appleton Thorn in particular. Urban sprawl would be abundant to the detriment of the current desirable Village character and the loss of irreplaceable green countryside. It appears that much of this is in direct contravention of the Appleton Thorn Neighbourhood Development Plan.
- Much of the land for this unnecessary and unjustified housing expansion would come from our precious Green Belt, which once used is gone forever.
- Much of the justification for this proposed expansion appears to based on out-ofdate data and this, coupled with clearly exaggerated economic growth assumptions, suggest that Warrington Council is over-focused on the conversion of Warrington from being a Town to being a City.
- On the proposed growth/expansion of Commercial Properties, once again the cost to our valued Green Belt is unjustifiable and disproportionate. The land targeted is largely pristine countryside with a significant proportion of Green belt.
- All of the above is in direct violation of our Green Belt with little or no justification for the release of Green belt for New Build.
- Overall, this Commercial and Private expansion will cause new traffic to be injected into the Warrington area due to migrating workers from other areas and an influx of new residents.
- The proposed Private Housing and Commercial Premises expansion will clearly cause a vast increase in local traffic onto our overloaded and inadequate road infrastructure. This will inevitably result in a catastrophic polluting effect on air quality coupled with an unacceptable increase in traffic noise levels throughout the proposed expansion area. While Central Government is strutting a green particle emission strategy throughout the UK - Warrington is going in the opposite direction with consequent health implications. Warrington already has a terrible track record in this area (probably the worst in the UK) especially in relation to small micron particle emissions.
- All of this is planned to take place without significant improvement to the Warrington area road infrastructure. Road users suffer enough presently with the current levels of traffic God knows what the area will be like if this plan is adopted even in a reduced scenario.

In summary, I believe the Local Plan to be Unsound and Undeliverable in its current

expansive form and I strongly object to the same.

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