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To:
Local Plan

**Subject:** Warrington Proposed Submission Version Local Plan 2017 - 2037

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## Dear Sir/Madam,

In response to the above planning development proposals for the Warrington area we consider the plans to flawed and wish to place on record in the strongest terms our objections to the plan being implemented based on the factual evidence outlined as follows:

## **Warrington Town Centre - Brown Field Sites**

As a new comer to the Warrington area it has come as a great shock to witness the decline of the Warrington Town centre with no less than 50% of the town premises empty or in a derelict state. It is therefore with much bemusement that the planning document makes reference to the building of new housing or apartment accommodation within the town itself when there are so many Brown Belt sites available to regenerate the Town centre.

Although such Brown sites do attract costs in respect of site clearance works to Developers it is nevertheless presents itself with a unique opportunity to re-energise the business community with obvious longer term financial benefits to Warrington becoming a 24 hour prosperous City in the future. Indeed Andy Burnham, Mayor of Manchester to his credit has adopted this strategy for the Greater Manchester plan to great success which can be seen today significantly reducing the damage to Green Belt areas for the greater good of the environment, welfare and wellbeing of local community for future generations to appreciate. There is of course is no going back should Warrington Council implement such an ill thought and flawed plan, it will only generate severe resentment from the present community towards the Warrington Council for future generations.

## **NHS - Community Patient Care**

The plan is also absent of any reference to how the NHS will be able to provide the health and social care for the increase of the estimated 100,000 people who will be expected to occupy the proposed housing developments set out in the Local Plan. The current level of patient care by the NHS in the form of NHS Trust Warrington General Hospital, Health Clinics, GP Surgeries, Walk-in Centres and emergency ambulance services is below the national average and has a history of year upon year failures in trying to satisfy healthcare Government targets across the majority of the medical disciplines. Nor has the NHS any plans in place to either rectify or take measures to improve the current situation within the Warrington area. Without any meaningful dialogue with the NHS there are no guarantees in place to accommodate such a large increase in population over the next 20 years in medical care which will undoubtedly have a negative affect on the health and wellbeing of everyone who currently lives in the Warrington area.

Other important factors which are not satisfactorily addressed include the lack of a robust employment strategy plus clear logistical proposals to improve the local traffic infrastructure for the area to have any confidence on any of the deliverables mentioned and as such the plan must be deemed to be flawed and should be rejected.

The Warrington Council must listen to the community instead of the Developers who have no real interest in the long term future welfare of the local community because at the end of the day as cynical as it may seem Developers have only one interest in supporting this flawed plan and that is of course making the biggest profit possible regardless of the damage it will undoubtedly cause to the detriment of the local community. The Warrington Council are servants to the local community not the Developers.

The recent Government statement set for 2050 net zero carbon target must also be addressed within any future plan.

I would be grateful to receive an acknowledgement of this email.

Thank you

Yours faithfully

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