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I would like to register my objection to the Warrington Local Development Plan on a number of levels:

<!--[if !supportLists]-->1. <!--[endif]-->Transportation

The existing transportation network is wholly inadequate to support the additional housing and industrial/business premises to the levels that are propose, I base this on:

<!--[if !supportLists]-->• <!--[endif]-->Access from the motorways is limited, J20 is just off the intersection of the M6/M56 and at rush hour is regularly at a standstill which will make getting on and off the motorway even more problematic, particularly with the heavy increase in HGV traffic that the proposals entail.

<!--[if !supportLists]-->• <!--[endif]-->Junction 10 on the M⁶ is already a very busy junction at rush hour and sees lengthy delays as traffic tries to work its way back into Warrington or to head southwards to outlying villages as well as getting when trying to get onto the M56. The proposed road improvements do not adequately address either of the above points, there is also the fact that there are no plans to increase the number of crossings of the Manchester ship canal which means that those routes will be even more clogged than they are now, or more traffic will be forced onto the M6/56 at rush hour/shift changes further clogging the junctions to the motorways networks.

<!--[if !supportLists]-->• <!--[endif]-->The local road network is tight and does not support a heavy increase (to the levels proposed) of traffic and a lot of the smaller roads through the current villages will be turned into rat runs for people trying to get to their place of work..... and these are on routes where parents will be walking their children to school [REDACTED]

<!--[if !supportLists]-->2. <!--[endif]-->Pollution

The increased number of cars and HGV's will mean more traffic jams and engines idling, pouring out toxic fumes to be inhaled by residents and in particular our children. I believe that Warrington is already rated as one of the most polluted town/cities in the UK. These new residents will be wanting to go and use the facilities in the centre and also on Winwick road so it would only get worse...

<!--[if !supportLists]-->• <!--[endif]-->Public transport will not solve this issue....buses will not get the traction to mitigate the effects of all the additional cars.

<!--[if !supportLists]-->3. <!--[endif]-->Facilities

<!--[if !supportLists]-->• <!--[endif]-->Existing Warrington Hospital cannot cope with additional "catchment", new hospital proposed I believe in the area, however this is yet to be approved and depends on

- a Trust being prepared to take this on – not in place
- Doctors surgeries – the current system is creaking at the seams and can only just cope....and recent news suggests there is a GP shortage at present as doctors do not go into general practice...
- Nurseries – no clear plan for accommodating the increased pre-school population
- Schools – see above, and with the pressure on local council budgets and having friends in teaching, there is not the money available to support existing schools let alone open more and staff them to an adequate level.

4. Employment

- Whilst the proposed industrial development would bring jobs I have not seen anything that suggests that it will be in the region of 10000 jobs (roughly what would be needed to support about 8000 households), and the impacts of AI and automation is not factored into what which suggests that a very large percentage of the new population will need to travel out of the immediate area for their employment – please see back to point 1 and my comments about M56/M6 junctions and also the crossing of the ship canal.

5. Build Phase

- The levels of development mean that there will be non-stop noise and air pollution for the next 20yrs whilst building works continue, with the associated road congestion, traffic lights and roadwork, HGV and delivery lorries parked up all over the place, generally making the roads a danger for the residents.

I am certainly not a Nimby or averse to development, having worked in planning I understand the requirements to develop and grow with the population, but I do not believe that the current plan is a considered enough plan and driven more from a short term, commercial aspect and should have more appreciation for the current and future residents and the quality of life, ensuring that the young and future generations can experience open green areas and a healthy way of life rather than excessive traffic, pollution and looking for employment that will not match up to what they are “promised”.

Regards,

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