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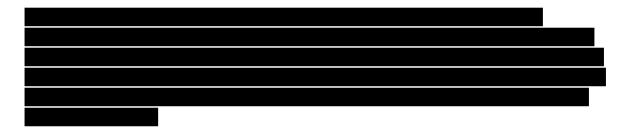
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Warrington,

16<sup>th</sup> June '19

To whom this may concern,

I would like to express my deepest concerns regarding the most recent proposals for the development of South Warrington recently submitted. When initially proposed in 2017, I submitted my initial objection to the plans then, and my feelings have not changed.



My biggest objections are:

- Proposals for housing numbers relates to economic growth from now redundant data.
   Given the economic crisis we currently find ourselves in, it appears a little too ambitious to work with such elevated numbers/ assumptions. It seems unlikely nearly 19,000 homes would be required in Warrington by 2037. Do these need re-addressing?
- Proposals to transform the green belt landscape across Grappenhall and Appleton Thorn
  to such an extent to become the 2<sup>nd</sup> largest commercial premises after Trafford Park
  seems an enormous pendulum swing away from protected land to the other extreme.
  How can protected land mean so little these days? Have our beliefs change THAT much??
  We currently frequently see Herons, woodpeckers and a multitude of beautiful wildlife
  within our garden which will be forced away or be prevented from surviving in the locality
  if the development is agreed.
- The beauty of South Warrington is encapsulated in small villages such as Thelwall, Grappenhall, Lymm, Appleton Thorn etc. This Village lifestyle will be transformed and lost forever creating urban sprawl which has previously always been protected against.
- Air pollution is already poor in the area with such volumes of HGVs passing through and around Warrington, but the development of such vast expanses of commercial warehouses is likely to dramatically worsen the situation.
   it is likely to be worse if all proposals get passed. Air pollution has direct correlations with increase in health issues
- Green belt is protected land and as such, "special circumstances" are required to build on

this land. Whilst I understand that the Government has requested development visions for the future, it seems excessive the numbers of acres lost when further brown filed sites are not being fully explored (particularly Fiddlers Ferry site when it eventually closes in 2020). The green belt boundary was only confirmed 5 years ago and was supposed to be valid for at least 20 years! This now appears laughable given the proposal.

- Congestion and traffic is already a huge issue in Warrington with the existing numbers of people residing in the region. To build the numbers proposed without dramatic change to the infrastructure will simply lead to gridlock and will turn both people and business away from the area not encourage a flourishing and thriving local economy. The M6 is frequently a car park anyway and I feel adding 8000 homes to the "Garden suburb" with a likely extra approximately 10,000 cars is unlikely to improve the areas fluidity!
- Warrington Hospital already finds itself at breaking point and would require significant extra funding to be able to accommodate such vast numbers of extra people in the region.

I hope that your proposals are re-considered and whilst I understand there is a constant need for development as directed by Government, I hope it can certainly be dramatically reduced in scale to reduce the potential harmful affects both now and on our children's future.

Yours Faithfully

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