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Dear Sirs

I wish to provide my response to the local development plan. I object for the following simple reasons:

- no justification for the predicted growth; in fact latest figures show local population falling.
- there's simply no need for so much proposed housing based upon predicted growth, (even before taking into account Brexit);
- no need for the green belt release; ALL brownfield sites should be used first. Now that Fiddlers Ferry power station is closing too this should also be taken into account. (Every WBC public consultation I have attended; WBC officers have stated they would take this into account if they knew the timescales for closure. Well now they do!). This area is vast.
- no need for development that 'destroys the character and distinctiveness' of the villages in these green belt areas; special circumstances need to be demonstrated. This has not been achieved.
- no need for development that will further harm the quality of our air. Warrington doesn't do well in this regard already & the government has only recently set a target of zero carbon emissions by 2050; as has Greater Manchester. Let's follow their lead and not make decisions that we will live to regret for our future generations.
- I appreciate there is a cost attached to the development of contaminated land, such as fiddlers ferry but financial cost should not come before environmental cost. Other LA's manage to do this, so we should follow suit. Once this precious green belt land has been destroyed, it is gone forever & it is simply NOT NECESSARY.

Kind regards  
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