From:

To: Local Plan

Subject: objections to local plan

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Dear Sir or Madam.

We strongly object to the local plan for many reasons.

1.Environmental.

This is a plan that is the opposite of carbon neutral. The whole plan is designed round significantly increased car and lorry use.

The massive increase in lorry transport from the planned industrial estate will damage further the air quality of those living near the motorways and arterial routes.

This is the council deliberately allowing damage to the health of the residents.

Pollution is already at dangerous levels, and instead of working to decrease them, the council is proposing development that will cause harm to the people that they represent and that pay their salaries.

As in London, councils are being sued successfully in the courts for failing to protect residents, and i am sure this will happen here.

2. Housing.

The numbers needed are based on what statistic? Certainly not on current population and growth of Warrington. There are far too many houses and the wrong mix. Large houses which are unaffordable to locals mean that they will house people who travel to work out of the area. This will increase the congestion and pollution around the M6/M56 interchange. Where are the bus routes ,cycle ways,footpaths etc? Every journey looks like it will be made by car. Have you not heard the news about how many years we have to save the planet? It would seem not.

3.Greenbelt.

There is massive,unnecessary destruction of the greenbelt,particularly for the distribution/industrial zone. This is a development that would bring low paid jobs only. The workers could not afford to live locally so would commute in from areas that have lower housing costs eg Runcorn. Warrington residents would lose their greenbelt and suffer the congestion,noise and air pollution for what purpose? This does not benefit any of us.

Once the wildlife habitat in the greenbelt is destroyed, it is gone forever. Do the planners not understand how fragile the balance of nature is?

4. Motorways.

The motorways are already a car park for several hours a day ,even if there are no accidents or strong winds on the viaduct.

Increasing the traffic is utter madness. Widening the junction at

junction 20 will only send more lorries onto motorways at capacity. The housing and industrial estate are the wrong developments for an overcrowded motorway system.

I am so disappointed that, given the opportunity to come up with a long term local plan, this is the result.

This is your time to plan to become carbon neutral, to care for what is left of the environment and look after the future of the children of the Warrington area.

Is this really the best you can do?

Shame on you.

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