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As part of the consultation process, I wish to add my objection to the local plan. There are several parts of the plan that I object to, which I outline below. I wish it to be noted that there has been little change, since the initial local plan was covertly released by WBC, back in 2018.

Primarily, there remains potential significant loss to large areas of Green Belt, which simply cannot be replaced once destroyed in the way your proposal outlines. The impact on wildlife, the wider environment, plus the negative health impact to south Warrington inhabitants, caused by the worsening air pollution, cannot simply be ignored by WBC.

I am of the opinion, along with many of my neighbours and other local residents, that the plan is simply not deliverable as outlined and therefore should be considered unsound.

The plan need only be for between 10-15 years and not 20 as your proposing. Such drastic measures like some of the proposed Green Belt destruction, cannot be reversed once in place and a shorter time lined plan would ensure a more measured and calculated approach to any Green Belt change. The scale of the plan is also completely unrealistic. The plan suggests in excess of 7000 new homes for South Warrington area, with 4200 planned for development on Green Belt land, which is more than 50%! Brown field sites, of which there are many in and around the town centre, must be considered as a priority, instead of using prime Green belt as your preferred option. Further loss would arise from the industrial development, at the M56/M6 junction. This would contribute even further to the current and regular chaotic traffic delays for residents. The road infrastructure cannot cope with existing volumes, and yet your plan suggests the kind of house building numbers I refer to above, which will add significantly to traffic volumes. Surely an infrastructure plan has to come before you can plan for such levels of house building development?

Following revisions to National planning policy, and the subsequent tightening of Green belt protection levels. It was determined that "special circumstances" should be demonstrated, when any plans were considered which would involve the destruction of Green belt, for development. WBC has chosen not to adhere to this, but instead has simply opted to support developers who wish to "cherry pick" the easier to develop Green belt locations, over that of Brown field sites.

Green spaces are essential for human wellbeing, as well as for our mental health, as has been demonstrated by UK mental health charities in recent studies. There are also areas that are essential in supporting local wildlife, such as More Nature Reserve, which you appear to be so keen to destroy, without any rational for balanced consideration.

The final point is around facilities, such as Education and Health. There are already considerable pressures on both Hospital and GP appointments, as well as attaining places at local schools. There seems to be few guarantees that those parties who stand to make the most profit from your local plan, i.e. the developers, will be contributing significant financial sums to support the required growth in all these essential local facilities.

I accept that there is some required scope for development. What I don't accept is the scale and more importantly, irreversible impact of what your plan entails, to which I wish to object in the strongest possible terms.

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