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Good Evening,

I have been a resident in the borough of Warrington for over [REDACTED] years and I would like to take this opportunity to register my objection to the Local Plan.

I feel very strongly that the Local Plan should be withdrawn immediately, and a full public consultation on a revised plan, which in my opinion overwhelmingly reflects the views of the electorate, should be held.

I also believe that an examination of the statistics, facts and figures used by the Council in support of its Local Plan, should be made public for transparency.

Presently the Council's figures differ greatly from my interpretation of the estimates for growth required by Government.

I detail the main points of my objection below:

- Huge house building schemes - 18,900 houses in Warrington by 2037, much of it on Green Belt land. 7,400 new houses to be built in South Warrington alone. Warrington has many beautiful villages surrounded by equally beautiful Green Belt land.
- WBC claim that they are following guidelines set by Government on the amount of new houses that have to be built. Apparently, the figures are set by using the 2014 population growth data. It appears from the data that the population growth between 2019 and 2039 would be 21,000. So at 2.3 persons per home, that equates to a housing need of 9000 additional house. So why have WBC deemed a house build of nearly 19,000.
- I believe the local plan adopted by WBC is more to do with the council's obsession with wanting to make Warrington a city.
- The incumbent councillors may want Warrington to be a city - but I can assure you there is no appetite for it amongst the electorate. The Secretary of State has stated that the Green Belt should only be used in exceptional circumstances. Building more houses than what the Government guidelines has stipulated, is not an exceptional circumstance and therefore surely cannot be justified.
- Overwhelming construction of additional commercial premises in Appleton Thorn and Grappenhall, again utilising Green Belt land.
- Considerable increase in traffic that the building of new houses and commercial premises would generate.
- Warrington already has a terrible record for pollution and poor air quality and has

been identified by the World Health Organisation as one of the worst polluted towns in the country. A huge problem, which to the shame of WBC, should have been addressed years ago. The planned over-development of our town, can only add to this problem.

- Lack of infrastructure - Warrington is already in need of a huge enhancement to its infrastructure for its current residents (let alone the addition of occupants of nearly 19,000 new dwellings) - our roads cannot meet the ever increasing traffic needs; traffic jams are a daily frustrating occurrence.
- Schools and doctors' surgeries are already over-subscribed, our hospital has to serve an ever increasing population, far greater than what was envisaged when it was redeveloped decades ago.
- Also the unfortunate inhabitants of the borough already experience huge waiting lists and unacceptable waiting times at the hospital with a real shortage of beds.
- Warrington is a riparian town, and as such already experiences acute problems with traffic; our roads and bridges were not designed to accommodate the existing population, a further 19,000 dwellings which would generate a corresponding massive increase in population and vehicles that would bring, would be catastrophic and cannot be justified or be sustainable.

Regards

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