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Dear Warrington Planning department

I wish to raise a serious concern regarding the local development and transport plan for South Warrington that is expected to cover Appleton, Grappenhall, Walton, Moore, Stretton and Hatton.

I am really concerned with the public health impact of the development.

- The number of houses in the plan is in excess of the housing need and the amount of facilities proposed to accommodate the additional household is vastly insufficient. The plan is not joined up or cohesive and does not reflect reality.
- The removal of green belt is total unnecessary and will in fact will be counterproductive to local needs. There is evidence that removal of natural, green spaces results in lower community health and poorer social cohesion. Removing the green belt will also permanently change the character of the villages in South Warrington. These villages have distinct identities, such as traditional "Bawling the Thorn" in Appleton Thorn and the natural Moore Nature Reserve. These are just some of the areas that will be destroyed by the planned development.
- Additional vehicles on the roads will have negative effects on road safety and will increase pollution on already congested junctions. There is no consideration how to deal with this in the local plan. Several of the major road networks in the area already have excessive levels of particulate pollution which the council is trying to reduce therefore the current plan is counter to the council's ambitions. Air pollution that is unchecked by councils is already receiving national attention and individuals, especially vulnerable adults and children, who suffer ill effects e.g. exacerbation of asthma are seeking legal advice. South Warrington's Local Plan will exacerbate air pollution, reduce air quality and cause worsening of people's health. The proportion of elderly residents is higher in South Warrington than other areas in Warrington.
- There is not enough industry in the local area to support such a large development of houses and there is no clear plan on how services or additional facilities will be incorporated into the development. How many children do you expect to be accommodated by local primary and secondary schools? How many GP surgeries/pharmacies, post offices do you anticipate including in the development and when do you plan to build them? How will you ensure there are sufficient staff to fill these facilities? Where are the resident's going to work because the roads into Warrington are gridlocked several times a day even now and there is no real plan to support the local transport network.

The plan is ill conceived and poorly planned. The real goal is to build houses and increase council revenue but no provision to cater for the additional demands on services, or cater for local needs.

I therefore completely object to the proposed local development plan for South Warrington.

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