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Local Plan

Subject: Local Plan Objection and Comment

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I am writing in response to WBC Local Plan and would like to make the following objections –

- The Local Plan is based on forecasted data which is now out of date. The forecasted population growth for this are not consistent with the net migration statistics for Warrington issued by the NSO and as such are not valid and should not be used as a basis for the Local Plan.
- Similarly, the economic growth data used is also out of date.
- The plan is based significantly in South Warrington and will totally change the area beyond recognition. The villages will all merge into one large unidentified sprawl and the character of our villages will be lost forever.
- South Warrington traffic is already at gridlocked going into Stockton Heath and the town centre. These areas cannot cope with any more traffic.
- There are no firm plans for additional crossings over the Manchester Ship canal.
- The planned increase of ships using the Manchester hip canal will lead to even more bridge and road closure, compounding the already dire situation for commuters.
- There is very often accidents on the nearby M6. M62 and M56. Consequently, this leads to traffic being gridlocked and then passing through Warrington. Often the A50 is impassable and surrounding roads, leading to people sitting in traffic and a consequently a cost to businesses.
- Warrington is already one of the worst polluted areas in the country. The Council are doing NOTHING to reduce this. This LP is ludricious and will lead to much more pollution. This is a time bomb for our communities.

The Council needs to conduct an independent survey and study into this and this should be published and actioned.

- If you deliver this plan, I think many people will actually leave Warrington and live elsewhere as their quality of life will deteriate. Those who can, will.
- There = are no special circumstances demonstrated by the LP which justifies building on our Green Belt. There are plenty of Brown Filed Sites available and most recently announced that in 2020 Fiddlers Ferry will be available. All Brown Filed sites should be exhausted before we build on Green Belt. Green Belt is important to our future. Without trees, there is no oxygen. Things are changing so quickly now that we must do everything we can to reduce pollution, keep green spaces for the next generation.
- We need green spaces for our leisure. Many people from outside Warrington and outside South Warrington come to enjoy the green spaces. They are important for our well being and mental health and especially now that we are being encouraged to take more exercise. There wont be any green space left if this LP goes ahead, just a mass sprawl of houses and concrete.
- The increase in warehousing planned will ruin the rural area. The increase in volume of HGV will be noise polluting and increased traffic on the roads, again we cannot cope with ore traffic.
- There is no requirement by the government to build all these houses this goes way beyond what is required due to the recent updates in government policy and guidelines.

- The council are totally out of touch with the people of Warrington and have failed to listen. The recent public consultations are a tick box exercise, a waste of time, and some staff were poorly briefed. An insult to the people of Warrington.
- I find myself yet again having to write another objection letter WBC are flooding us with ridiculous plans.
- The Local Plan is not consistent and is at odds with the local Appleton Thorn Neighbourhood Plan (NDP) and makes a complete farce of the process. Again, just lip service to the local community that actually care about their community. Shame on WBC.
- I hope that WBC do listen to the many compelling objections and start all over again with something that makes sense, rather than imposing something which the majority do not want.

Regards Fioina Webb