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Warrington Borough Council
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Re: PROPOSED SUBMISSION VERSION LOCAL PLAN

I write to inform you of my strong objections to the above Local Plan, which I believe to be UNSOUND for the following reasons:

HOUSING NUMBERS

The Council's assessment of additional housing needing to be built is not justified. The numbers of housing is based on unrealistic growth predictions which do not stand up to scrutiny. Government's suggested figures have been used and then increased to fit the Council's desired plans with no proper basis for doing so.

GREEN BELT LAND

The rules for releasing ANY Green Belt requires exceptional circumstances, which needs evidence and justification to be demonstrated. This has not been done.

Also all Brownfield sites should be identified and used in preference to Green Belt land. It is difficult to assess all Brownfield sites available as the Council has not updated the register since 2017, which I believe is contrary to Government regulations.

The Green Belt boundary was set and agreed a mere 5 years ago in a '20 year plan'. There is no justification for this to be discounted.

Almost all the Green Belt land targeted is in South Warrington. This is a massive loss of recreational areas for residents (North as well as South) and will remove the air cleansing benefits which these open green areas provide.

The plan does not address the full environmental and ecological impact of using these Green Belt areas.

AIR POLLUTION

If the planned increase in housing is allowed, air pollution, already of great concern in Warrington, will increase. The inevitable extra traffic can only make congestion

worse as nothing in the plan addresses the difficulties faced today by commuters crossing the three swing bridges into the town centre. As mentioned previously, the loss of vast areas of countryside, will also be detrimental to air quality and health.

HEALTH CENTRES and SCHOOLS

Such a large increase in population, which this proposal would result, would require proper planning for the provision of health and schooling facilities. The Council's plan is to leave these in the lap of the Gods. They only mention their desire for these facilities, not how they will be achieved.

TRAFFIC and CONGESTION

Local roads, motorway junctions and in particular the A49 through Stretton and Stockton Heath are already inadequate for the amount of traffic which uses them. There are no definite improvements specified for these roads to accommodate the extra traffic.

I would be grateful if my above concerns and objections can be taken into consideration.

Yours faithfully

Brenda Pearson (Mrs)