



9 June 2019

Dear Sir/Madam,

DRAFT LOCAL PLAN CONSULTATION

I am writing to strongly protest against the Local Plan for South Warrington. The plan is NOT sound i.e it is not justified and does not meet the area's needs. It would devastate this area.

1/ HOUSING NUMBERS ARE TOO HIGH

The number of houses planned is far more than predictions of population increase justify.


2/THERE IS NO JUSTIFICATION FOR RELEASING GREEN BELT

There have to be exceptional circumstances for Green Belt to be released for development. The reason given here is the Council's growth ambition for the town. This is not exceptional circumstances. Green Belt loss is irrevocable.

3/ BROWN FIELD SITES COULD BE USED

In the future more brown field sites are likely to become available e.g. Warrington Hospital or Fiddler's Ferry. These could be used instead.

4/ CONGESTION AND POLLUTION

 Appleton is surrounded by Motorways and busy congested roads which will only get busier and the air more polluted with these developments of housing and industry. No solutions to deal with this extra traffic appear to have been put forward.

The Green Belt helps to reduce pollution. If this is lost I worry about the effect of the pollution on my health.

5/SCHOOLS AND HEALTH CENTRES

The pressure on local school and healthcare could be hugely increased. There is no guarantee that services will be provided to deal with this.

In addition, the distinctive character of the villages around Appleton, Stretton and Hatton will be lost. It will be one huge urban mass.

Quality of life will diminish as the green spaces around us will disappear.

I hope you will take these points into account in your decision on the Local Plan.

Yours sincerely,


Jane McMurtrie