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Dear Sirs

WARRINGTON PROPOSED SUBMISSION VERSION LOCAL PLAN 2017-2037

I do not believe that the proposals contained in the above document are sound. I do not accept the scale & nature of what is proposed because of the profound negative impact it will have on the residents of South Warrington. Instead of improving the quality of the lives of residents and future residents it would cause serious deterioration.

The plan is unsound for the following reasons:-

- CLAIMS OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING:  
Not likely as properties in south Warrington are 25-30% more expensive than the rest of Warrington.
- LOSS OF VILLAGE COMMUNITIES:  
The loss of small villages is very important as these are what make England so unique and special.
- LOSS OF GREEN BELT LAND  
Britain's population is growing at an alarming rate and the growing of crops etc to feed the nation must be a priority. Developers should be using brownfield sites first. Government has pledged to remove all coal fired sites by 2030. This along with the closures of Warrington hospital ~~and~~ would release enough land to avoid the use of greenbelt. Keep our green and pleasant land.
- CLAIMS OF EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES  
Absolute nonsense, any employment by the proposed Garden suburbs will be of minimum wages and therefore unable to afford

housing in South Warrington, Therefor making South Warrington an area full of commsters.

- WILDLIFE AFFECTED.

Warrington South is packed with wildlife - due to the green belt status. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] (Proposed development site)

for decades. The fields in the area contain many man pits full of diverse inhabitants and habitat. Where is the habitat survey on what wildlife would be affected forever in the proposed areas of development

- Infrastructure

The main arterial roads are not sufficient for the scale of housing proposed. South Warrington already has a major problem with congestion this can only get worse if the proposed plan goes ahead. Due to increased congestion the town will be voided, shoppers will go elsewhere and further the depremental effects already happening within the town. Closure of more shops and businesses creating an environment not attractive to customers.

- Crossing the ship canal

With only one new crossing at Walton and the weight restrictions on the cantilever bridge the only way to get to or through town will be on the already congested Knutsford Road or through the village of Storton Heath, <sup>which</sup> will mean a massive increase of traffic through S. Heath to get to the new proposed Flyover over bridge

- Density of housing proposed

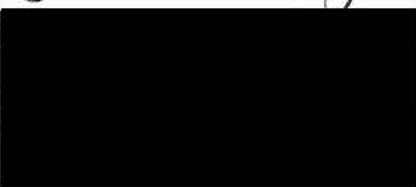
This is grossly overestimated and should be restricted to current brown field sites as previously mentioned. Fiddlers Ferry site alone would accomodate what the government requests. This combined with the demolition of Warrington Hospital would release a large area for development which would allow AFFORDABLE HOUSING, reduce traffic as it is town centre - therefore reducing traffic congestion South of Warrington.

- GROWTH OF THE TOWN

Warrington has seen major development in the past 40 years which has radically changed the area. South Warrington has had limited expansion due to green belt restrictions and therefore commands higher house prices. Any future development would also command higher prices therefore making claims of affordable housing - nonsense.

if the local plan was honestly given to the people to support the resounding response would be a big fat No! Give the town folk a proper say and rethink the local plan and Retain the Green Belt at all costs for our children and future generations

Yours sincerely



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