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Sent via Email and Post

Warrington Borough Council
Local Plan, Planning Policy and Programmes
New Town House
Buttermarket Street
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Dear Sir or Madam,

Re: Warrington Local Plan 2019 OBJECTION

I am writing to you to **OBJECT** to the Warrington Local Plan 2019, which is currently ongoing the consultation phase. I also objected to the Proposed development Plan in 2017 with the 4,500 other people, which clearly made no difference.

The proposed Local Plan is based on hugely optimistic development numbers. The housing figures do not into account the huge constraints Warrington has, something the government allows councils to consider. The town is bounded by three motorways, and has two canals and the River Mersey running through it. The housing requirements are based on employment growth not on locally arising need making the plan unsound.

The main distribution of housing is in south Warrington, which struggles to cope now with the infrastructure in place, which is not being improved with recent and current planning applications.

The infrastructure is not certain and how this is going to be delivered is not clear and without this the plan is not deliverable. The plan conveniently refers to the LDTP4 to provide background on the highways infrastructure, but this is woolly to say the least. When quizzed at the consultation about the detail in the LDTP4 officers admitted the plan was conceptual.

The plan proposes to destroy vast areas of greenbelt land before they've properly considered urban brown field sites. The allocation of land in the plan is unsound and should be reviewed with great emphasis on brown field sites, such as Fiddlers Ferry which is due to close in 2020. The council should concentrate on redeveloping the town centre sites, relocating Lever Brothers, looking at the oversupply of out of town retail sites.

The greenbelt land is critical to as lungs to the town, which has some of the worst air quality records in the country. The recent pledge by the government to become carbon neutral by 2050 is hardly supported by this plan, which has no mention of increasing our green credentials just making them worse. The greenbelt provide vital separation between areas

within south Warrington creating a garden suburb and building around it will join up all the areas losing its identity especially Appleton Thorn. The public transport on the south side of Warrington is none existent and the reliance on the car will not decrease if this is not improved. The idea of mass transport in the LDTP4 is all well and good, but most of the traffic driving through Warrington are not locals but trying to avoid the motorways or toll bridges.

The sites that are being promoted for development have not been properly investigated in terms of ecology, noise, air quality, traffic etc. This must be done before the Local Plan is submitted otherwise the plan is unsound.

This local plan is **UN SOUND** and should be withdrawn with further engagement with the communities it is seeks to destroy!

Your sincerely

Jayne Cross