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Local Plan objection

I am writing to object to the proposed local plan. It disproportionately affects South Warrington and will change the area forever if it is allowed to go ahead. Warrington Borough Council have not considered residents objections valid in their consultation of 2017 and have produced this draft plan which ignores the objections it received from the people in the area.

Greenbelt was designed to protect against urban sprawl to prevent the unnecessary destruction of the countryside. The greenbelt can only be released in exceptional circumstances and this plan does not meet these criteria. It must not be built on and other alternatives must be considered first such as brownfield sites. It has just been announced that Fiddlers Ferry Power station will close next year which no doubt will free up a large brownfield site for the future. There is no need for so many houses and a whole new garden city which will destroy our villages, if it is allowed, they will all merge to one big sprawl and it will badly affect the air quality of the area which is already under pressure from the existing motorways and roads. Removing the green space and adding many more cars and lorries will be catastrophic for the area. I value the wildlife here, there are many birds, hares, badgers, owls and bats to name but a few species thriving in amongst the farmland that I see regularly.

I also totally question the number of homes that this plan says are needed and how the facilities in the local area will cope with this suggested increased number. The plan as it stands is for the next 20 years yet it only needs to be for the next 15 years, if the plan reflected the needs of the next 15 years it would mean a lot less homes were needed and so a lot less of the greenbelt would need to be released. Indeed, the government has only said that its suggested numbers for house building are a guideline not a stipulation for each area. There are already a large number of houses approved for building in the area in the near future that are not even included in this plan having been recently approved, rushed through before the local plan was submitted.

This is a massive proposed change to South Warrington and many residents do not agree with it, yet the council continues to try to impose this on the community, as an example there are four different plans all out together for consultation on transport, warehousing, the local plan and Eddie Stobart developments, it seems as if they are trying to get as much through as possible thinking residents will not respond to all 4 plans.

I believe this local plan is unsound and that Warrington cannot reasonably sustain a development of this size, we are a town not a city! We should be looking to use brownfield sites first and to preserve our villages and greenbelt. Our roads and bridges cannot cope with the existing traffic let alone all the extra development that is being planned I urge you to listen to the community when taking into account development of this area.