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As a [REDACTED] resident I am strongly opposed to the Proposed Local Plan in its current state. The plan is not sound or deliverable.

The plans on proposed crossing of our 3 main waterways - the Bridgewater Canal, the Manchester Ship Canal and the Mersey River - are very vague, yet are surely the most important part of any plans to build more dwellings and business premises in South Warrington. This area is already choked with traffic, a problem which is further compounded when there are issues on the surrounding motorway network. Our swing bridges are inadequate for normal traffic, and the Cantilever Bridge is the only available bridge when the swing bridges go off to allow ships to pass along the Canal. The estimate of £50m for the Cantilever Bridge to be developed is unrealistic and would not cover the cost of the housing/land that would need to be purchased. The extremely vague road network suggestions need to be made more specific to residents, along with explanation of the funding that would be required to achieve the plans. None of the infrastructure proposed uses public money and there is no detail in the plan for where the money would come from to fund it.

Air Quality and Environment

Warrington as a town is already over burdened with very poor air quality. We are surrounded by a motorway network, and removal of our green space and addition of further houses and roads will make the air quality much worse. This will impact on the health issues of our residents which further impacts on a hospital which is under considerable strain coping with the sheer number of patients it has to deal with. The hospital itself is in dire need of redeveloping to cope with the number of residents already living in this area, without the addition of a further proposed 18,900 homes.

There is also concern for the loss of habitat through the proposal of building up our green spaces and loss of greenbelt, a fact that has not been considered in any detail.

Our villages of Grappenhall, Thelwall, Appleton Thorn and Lymm have historical landmarks and date back hundreds of years - the character of these villages is lost forever if the landscape and settings are changed.

The plan doesn't meet the 5 criteria for release from Green Belt:

To check the unrestricted sprawl of large built up areas - our lovely villages are going to become one large built up area if we lose our green belt.

To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns - this will be gone forever if these plans are allowed to happen.

To assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment.

To assist in urban regeneration by encouraging the recycling of derelict and other urban land - the recent disclosure that Fiddlers Ferry is going to be closing will result in a large area of brown land that could be used for developments should be considered before using up Green Belt land.

To prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another

The failure to meet these 5 criteria to release green belt shows that the plans are unsound and undeliverable.

The planned number of homes is well beyond government housing targets. Not only can our roads not cope with the addition of further housing developments, our schools, doctors surgeries, dentists, hospitals and other critical amenities cannot cope.

To allow these flimsy plans to be approved in their present state would be detrimental to our well being in so many ways - it is a disgrace, and a disaster waiting to happen.

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