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Warrington Borough Council
New Town House
WA1 2NH

Dear Councillors

We write to express our concerns regarding the local plan. We do not think it is fit for purpose and it is certainly not “sound”.  we have seen numerous changes to the area. We accept change as an inevitable part of life and always try to see the positives in any developments thinking about improvements for the whole community and not just about ourselves.

However, having considered the council’s latest proposals for developments in South Warrington we feel compelled to raise our voices in protest. Firstly, we feel that the proposed house numbers are far too high and that there is no justification for 945 houses to be built per annum. Secondly, we understand there have to be exceptional circumstances for releasing Green Belt land for development, especially when there are plenty of Brownfield sites that are currently or will soon become available. We can see no reason for such release apart from the council’s ridiculous and overreaching ambition.

Furthermore, it seems that the council has given little or no consideration for the well being of local people regarding schools, medical centres and shops as there are no clear proposals for any of these. In addition, the council proposals make no mention of addressing the problems of traffic congestion and air pollution which are already of serious concern both locally and nationally. There are no clear proposals for new roads or motorway connections or canal crossings.

To summarise, we strongly believe that this 20 year plan is unrealistic and wish to remind you that Green Belt lost can never be replaced. No consideration has been given to the total change of character to the area. The charming and distinctive nature of unique local villages will be completely destroyed and, once again, these features are irreplaceable.

Putting it simply the proposals are undeliverable because they are unrealistic and environmentally unsound. The road infrastructure is already unsustainable and having an unhealthy impact on residents and on our precious countryside. The proposed expansion of the area presents numerous geographical limitations which make it

impossible to deliver the plan. Green belt should not be sacrificed so callously. We fear for the future of the area and for the health of our children and local wildlife. The proposals will desecrate South Warrington and we believe that they are not justified, sustainable or desirable; above all the proposals are clearly not "sound". We urge you to reconsider.

Yours faithfully

Jim Williamson

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