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Dear Sir/Madam

With regard to Warrington Borough Councils' Local Plan proposals, I feel duty bound to object to the proposal as I do not believe the plan to be sound.

My main objection is the proposed use of green belt land for development, when there are a lot of brown field sites in urgent need of regeneration. We must not simply take the easy option.

Warrington Town Centre has been in need of urgent regeneration for a long time. It is really important that a fresh and innovative approach is adopted in respect of the regeneration of our town centres. Out of town shopping and the internet has killed the high street as we know it. Unless we want town centres to simply become ghost towns the obvious solution is to significantly increase the amount of domestic housing in town centres. We have to be prepared to think outside the box on this issue. It would become a win/win situation by providing new housing and helping to breathe life back into a tired and dilapidated town centre.

I also have significant doubts that the infrastructure in this area could cope with the inevitable increase in traffic even if enhancements are made if the proposed level of housing is adopted.

While the prospect of job creation would normally be welcomed, it is really important that there are a good mix of jobs and not simply more warehouse jobs along the lines of the development of the Omega site.

Our villages risk completely losing their identities as a result of all of this. I am also disappointed with the method of communication that has been set up to discuss this issue, The online form is time consuming and cumbersome and does not encourage communication. In fact quite the obvious, which arouses peoples suspicions as to the councils' true intentions.

Regards

Paul Davies.