From:
To: Local Plan

Subject: Proposed Local Plan for South Warrington

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Dear Sirs,

I write to register my opposition to the proposed Local Development Plan for South Warrington.

Having studied the proposal in detail I come to the conclusion that these plans are ill thought out with scant disregard for the impact it will have on the local community and more importantly the environment given current world wide international concerns for the very survival of our planet! My family chose to live here years ago due to the green open spaces and the village setting. If I wanted to live in a city then I would have chosen Manchester or Liverpool.

In short the plan is NOT SOUND, namely because :-

- it is based on unrealistic growth predictions
- as a result required house numbers are far too high
- where will the people come from to live in the the proposed housing developments? There is no correlation between the proposed housing development and the planned industry development
- as such there is no justification for the required release of green belt for development
- there does not appear to have been any consideration of the brownfield sites that exist for example the disused airfield at Arley. The preference appears to be for greenfield sites whilst overlooking brownfield sites.
- the 20 year time plan exceeds the 15 year horizon considered normal in planning proposals such as this
- significant congestion would result along with increased air and ground pollution at a time when everyone should be looking to reduce pollution levels in order to prevent irreversible damage to our planets eco-systems
- it is not acceptable to further destroy natural habitats such as Moore Nature Reserve especially to replace with more industry which brings with it an increase in pollution as the world is battling climate change
- there is indication how the geographical constraints of the area, namely canals and appropriate crossing points would be addressed
- any such development as proposed would necessitate new schools, health centres and shopping centres. It seems no account has been taken of this in the plans
- no consideration has been given as to how the plans will alter the character of the area with distinct communities being consumed into one mass urban sprawl

All of the above leaves me to conclude the plans as presented are UNDELIVERABLE AND NOT SOUND.

I would be grateful if you can take into account the above comments when considering any such planning decision.

Kind Regards Sally Grundy Edie Grundy