

Local Plan
Planning Policy and Programmes
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Dear Sir

I write concerning the Warrington proposed submission version local plan 2017 – 2037. As presented I believe the proposals are not sound. I recognise the need for additional housing going forward but I think the plans raise questions about what is proposed and why and whether the plans go beyond what is necessary.

As a resident [REDACTED] I am concerned by the proposed plans. The size of Walton is projected to triple under the proposals, with other significant development of Appleton and Sretton. There is already a high level of traffic congestion in Stockton Heath and on both London Road and Chester Road going into Warrington town centre. The proposals allow for only one additional crossing of the ship canal west of Warrington. I am concerned that no new highways are proposed to link the new developments to the motorways. Better new highways are needed to link new housing and industrial developments to the motorway system.

The services for local people such as doctor's surgeries and schools are currently over stretched and more thought needs to be given to providing additional services in your proposals. The proposals are not sound as they do not give much information about proposed new schools or medical centres, where they will be located and how they will be funded.

I am concerned at a lack of soundness in your proposals to build on green belt land. This will impact dramatically on this area and once lost will be lost forever. Is there no brown belt land which can be used instead of the proposed green belt land?

From information I have read concerning the proposals I understand it would be reasonable to think 15 years ahead but these plans aim to look 20 years ahead. It would seem to me that the further you look ahead the less accurate projections and planning become. The rate of housing development proposed would seem to go beyond what is needed.

I must register my objections on the grounds of the soundness of the proposals

Yours sincerely
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