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As a resident I want to protest very strongly against the 2017 Warrington Local Plan. The plan, as it stands, will destroy the special character of the south Warrington villages of Stockton Heath, Grappenhall and Thelwall and have a significant adverse impact on Walton and Lymm. The Plan does not provide sufficient justification for the destruction of so much Green Belt land in south Warrington and more effort should be put into making more use of brownfield sites in the area. "Very special circumstances" are required for development in the Green Belt - the plan does not clearly explain and justify what these circumstances are. Additionally, the Plan does not provide at all for the vastly increased infrastructure that would be required to support this development. Already, the A50 and A49 are incredibly congested at rush hour times as traffic attends to access the motorway network at Junctions 20/20A. There is no coherent plan for how this would be prevented from becoming much worse as a result of the planned development.

Finally, given past performance and the current economic circumstances, I believe the plan is totally overoptimistic in terms of the number of houses that can be delivered, or, indeed, will be required by local people. Any houses built are more likely to be occupied by workers from Manchester/Liverpool/Chester looking for cheaper housing than in their local areas, leading to yet more traffic congestion during their commutes.

The council needs to think again and come up with a justified and more realistic plan that does not, yet again, push south Warrington residents.

Yours sincerely

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