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Dear Sirs,

I believe a 20 year forward plan is a waste of time and resources. 20 years hence the world will be a different place. This plan has been based on old ideas. A 10 year plan would likely be wide of the mark and previous 5 year plans have tend to be inadequate or wrong for the subsequent requirements.

Warrington is becoming a predominantly dormitory suburbs around a hollow and decaying centre. The aim of a town with a vibrant centre is a joke at all our expense. There is insufficient retail and commerce to occupy all the old and new-build premises available. When will the planning move to radical revision of large areas of the centre of the town to reduce the empty retail premises and replace it with affordable higher density habitation. Most people in Warrington avoid the centre unless they have to visit it.

The types of property to the south of Warrington that developers will see as lucrative will not be affordable to the majority of Warrington's population. They are low density and expensive. They attract families who are dependent on out of town employment whoes breadwinners need to travel to their work.

The apparent nearness of the planned developments to the motorway is a false elusion as anyone who has to drive around the area will attest. At rush hour the roads are incapable of handling the present volume of traffic and the plan does not address the potential increase in travel to and from the motorway and across the town. The proposed western link road, if it materializes, will be a conduit for people avoiding the toll bridges and be of little benefit to planned south Warrington expansion.

Services such as schools and shops, doctors, etc are generally insufficient for the present needs of south Warrington and result in additional car journeys on inadequate roads. There is little evidence of developers solving these problems at present. Schools shops and improved roads etc. should be coming before the thousands of houses.

Air pollution is a growing problem for the Warrington area as a whole surrounded as it is by motorways and jammed with cross town traffic. Where is the improved public transport in the plan? Where is the movement to low pollution infrastructure?

Removal of green belt valuable for agriculture and as an open air amenity will be detrimental to the towns image. South Warrington has many miles of field paths that will be lost. The open area to the south of the motorway is more difficult to access and so there will be a general loss of amenity.

In conclusion the plan is couched in the past. It lacks a vision for anything other than more of the same. It is not good enough.

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Your plan is unsound.

There is nothing in the plan to mitigate the travel limitations and disruption caused by the Manchester Ship Canal. You should be going for a bill before parliament or whatever it takes to have the canal reduced from a ship canal to a barge canal. This would reduce the height requirement dramatically so allowing many more low level, less expensive bridges to be erected. The tonnage on the upper reaches of the canal is very low and could be handled by barge. The Europeans shift vast quantities of materials on barges that have low headroom requirements why cant we do the same??

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