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We are writing to express our dismay at the size of the new developments that are planned for the South Warrington area. Having both been born and bred in Warrington and proud to call it our home town, we are well aware of the challenges living in this town brings. We have a unique geography being surrounded by canals that are governed by the swing bridges and also in between major motorway networks.

We feel the proposed plan is not sound as many times when there are issues on the Thelwall viaduct or the M56 the whole of Appleton and Stockton Heath becomes completely gridlocked and with the increased number of houses proposed that will naturally mean more cars and more congestion. This will also have a knock on effect to air pollution.

One of the things we enjoy is the amount of green space we have around us and consequently the flora, fauna and wildlife this attracts. If the plan were to go ahead this would be severely detrimental to the surrounding countryside and character of the area.

In our view there is no justification for the predicted growth and no need for so much housing. The housing numbers driving the plan are undeliverable relative to anything Warrington has achieved in the recent past. The plan predicts the need for more schools, medical centres, shops etc but to our knowledge the development that took place at Chapelford, then took many years to fill the vacant posts at the doctors surgery and school.

We believe there is no need to release green belt and also a 20 year plan is too far ahead.

In our opinion the plan is not sound and has been very poorly thought out.

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