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To:

Local Plan

Subject: Objection to Warrington Local Plan (PSV)

Date: 14 June 2019 16:32:04

Dear Sir/Madam.

I wish to object to the Warrington Local Plan (PSV) for the following reasons:-

The amount of development proposed would completely and detrimentally change the character of South Warrington, particularly the villages of Stretton and Appleton Thorn. The proposals would lead to a huge reduction of green space and the green belt, thus destroying the character of these outlying villages forever.

The proposed Garden Suburb development would be located between the M6 and M56 motorways, and existing highway congestion pinch-points (Stockton Heath High Street, Stockton Heath swing bridge, Lumb brook underpass, Cat and Lion junction). Already there are significant queues at these pinch-points at all times of the day, not just during the rush hour. The effects of the increased traffic on the existing highway infrastructure will be enormous bringing increased pollution, noise and congestion.

The economic growth targets have been overstated. Official figures predict much slower growth than that detailed in the plan. There is no justification for the huge amount of employment and housing needs predicted in the plan.

There is no justification for the huge amount of employment land allocated between the M6 and M56. There is no justification for the huge amount of housing planned for South Warrington. The planned number of homes is well beyond government housing targets.

There is no justification for the release of such huge areas of green belt. The purposes of the green belt are to prevent urban sprawl, to assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment and to preserve the setting and special character of historic towns. The local plan proposes the complete opposite to these.

For the reasons above I believe that the Warrington Local Plan (PSV) should be rejected as it does not meet the needs of South Warrington and is unjustified and unsound.

Yours faithfully,

Lorna Gerrard

Warrington,