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I wish to register my objection to the Local Development Plan.

My main concern is the loss of greenbelt which will impact on air quality and in my opinion is not justified vs alternatives such as the Fiddlers ferry site and the varying predictions. for population growth. With Brexit this leaves additional uncertainty vs forecasting accurately. Warrington has been named in the top 5 Towns /Cities for exceeding pollution limits. There is a proven link between health and well being and maintaining the greenbelt. At worst it has caused premature deaths. The Government should be recycling derelict and brownfield sites and protecting the greenbelt, nature and drainage it represents.

In respect of the infrastructure for LDP is lacking strategy and essential detail in respect of costings and interdependent Government Services/ their ability to meet growth. The council traffic planners have confirmed that the LPT4 as a 'concept' is an aspirational document.. The council should not commit to a 20 year plan for the south of Warrington without any certainty the transport infrastructure could be put into place. Some infrastructure for projects of roads and bridges will be grossly underfunded and therefore the whole plan will be undeliverable. There are no details of the schools provision or how they will be funded or at what point in the plan they will be built. No consideration for a green transport link such as trams or a South Warrington railway line have been proposed which would be a more viable alternative. The former Trans Pennine line would have been ideal. But that shows the lack of foresight of a previous generation.

Generally I believe the consequence of this scheme will be an increase in pollution and diminish air quality. Increased congestion will put more cars on our roads. This contradicts the Government's target to reduce the UKs emissions to zero by 2050. This plan demonstrates an over reliance on the car, there are no firm proposals for alternatives.

As such I strongly object and seek that these plans are declined

Mark Boyer