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I wish to respond to the draft local plan.

As a resident [REDACTED] I remain very concerned by the draft plan. [REDACTED].

The busy road is already in a dangerous and congested state due to the heavy volume of traffic. This causes major concerns for me not least in regard to the safety issues of my young children. The road needs less traffic and a reduced speed limit. There is incredibly poor public transport provision throughout south Warrington, which only adds to the problems with pollution, congestion and safety for pedestrians. Many people in my locality work in the Birchwood area, but the public transport options are practically non-existent. Meaning the car is the only viable option in an area sandwiched between two busy motorways.

The draft plan is only going to make this worse. Given that measures are required urgently now, with current housing levels, to reduce traffic and increase safety for residents on the main road. Facilities in Stockton Heath already make the A49 an extremely busy road. But at this point as it passes through Stretton and Appleton it is a residential road and this is going to be exacerbated by the phenomenal number of houses.

The volume of new houses will create an intolerable level of traffic heading down the A49 to facilities at Stockton Heath.

The plan needs to make detailed provision for ensuring less congestion for London Road residents. Improved safety and reduced speed limits, not heavier levels of traffic. And more relief from motorway congestion, not more. It doesn't take a genius to work out where cars will head when local motorways are blocked or closed.

I don't understand how the requirement for "exceptional circumstances" in regard to use of the green belt has been demonstrated. And the plan seems to set out a number of houses to be built which exceeds the central government target. With the burden falling disproportionately on south west Warrington.

That said, my my concern is traffic and for the safety of my family. I don't see any detail in the plan setting out protections or measures for protecting the interests of local residents.

For these reasons I am opposed to the draft plan in its current form.

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