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Good morning,

I would like to raise my objections to the local plan based on:-

- Local Plan overestimates the actual needs of housing as latest population growth forecasts have not been considered (which show a considerably lower rate of growth and therefore lower demand)
- Business / economic plan based on Logistics as its focus (seemingly from the push from the two main promoting business groups). The housing plans do not seem to reflect the housing needs created by these types of enterprises.
- Land allocated to housing has a predominantly South East focus and for a volume that has never been seen in the area for construction output annually over the course of the plan. The Council has not proposed how it will achieve this plan and housing developers would be less keen to develop houses at a high pace as that risks lower prices being achieved.
- The Housing plan is only achievable by targeting green belt land. If the forecast is based on figures that are too high, with a targeted build rate never before achieved, the Councils targeting of the Green belt is way off and needs to be revised.
- Brownfield sites have not been targeted as a first resort from reviewing the plan. For example the large volume of land given to the local power station was excluded, however a closure date has been given that, given the length of the plan, could now be considered as a target area. The plan shows little consideration of brownfield sites in general.
- With the volume of housing proposed there seems to be little thought to the extra infrastructure needs of the roads, schools, social care aspects from the Council. The Council approach seems to have been to focus on a bit of Logistics, loads of housing, no thought to the knock on requirements.
- Overall the plan seems based on an forecasts that are shown to be too high, that then create a false need for high volume of housing that would not be met even with a double digit increase in housing output. We are allowing the destroying of green belt land out of laziness to explore the real needs of Warrington as the Council can take an old plan and seemingly give it a couple of edits whilst ignoring the latest data (albeit at great cost to the taxpayer in report creation costs and long term environmental impacts).

Many thanks,

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