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Representations on the Warrington Local Plan 2017-2037
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Dear Sirs,

I have examined the documents on the Council's website and viewed the associated Appraisal, Assessment and reports. I have serious concerns about the proposals for South Warrington , the so called Garden Suburb, and the loss of Green Belt due to the house building and urban extension.

I do not believe the evidence for 5000 new houses and these cannot be supported in this area where transport links and supporting infrastructure is stretched and congestion, pollution, air quality, etc. is already unacceptable. This Plan, combined with the published plans for 6/56 Warehousing proposal, will bring HGVs into residential areas and onto the already congested Motorways.

The Plan reduces the Warrington Greenbelt by approximately 10% and is not justified especially when SSE have now announced firm dates for the closure of Fiddlers Ferry brownfield site. Surely remediating and developing this site over the next twenty years would be a huge benefit for Warrington. It would remove the industrial legacy of a coal fired power station and open up the River Mersey for the residents to access. We all know developers will prefer greenfield for house building but what an opportunity to clean up land by grant funded remediation and private investment. This development could be linked to the Town Centre by the River Mersey.

Finally, I reiterate the Local Plan is flawed, damages the environment, is not supported by infrastructure and does not show 'very special circumstances' for developing the Green Belt. I object to the Plan and it should be re-drafted in view of the comments.

Regards,

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