From:
To: Local Plan

Subject: Objection - Warrington Local Plan

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To Whom it May Concern,

## **Objection - Local Plan**

I write with reference to the proposed local plan for the South Warrington area.

We are residents and I feel that your proposed changes will have a significantly detrimental affect for us as a family and the outstanding local area in which we currently reside.

As the parent of a young family, I am deeply concerned for the message such a development sends to the young people of our community. We chose to live in this area because of the large amounts of green belt, which alarmingly as part of your plan will be utilised for the development of thousands of properties.

The infrastructure is not in place to support your housing proposals and we feel that further repercussions for families will come at a later stage in the form of transport links that could see existing homes at the risk of demolition and compulsory purchase with further destruction to green belt land.

As a resident in a home near to one of the proposed new links for your plan, I have to say that we would be completely devastated to be at such risk. Whilst you view these properties as boxes on a map, these are our homes, that we have worked hard for and filled with love and memories to provide safe havens for our children. No compensation would make up for the disappointment we would feel as a family to lose our family home as a result of your proposal.

Whilst you believe you are creating affordable housing, I would strongly disagree. Property in the south of Warrington carries a premium cost and it is highly unlikely that many families will be able to afford such housing. It is likely that competition for houses in the local area will increase meaning an increase in property value, whilst you may believe this could be positive for the local area, one of the potential dangers is that it could force existing families out of the local area. Both my husband and I are employed by successful local companies within the Warrington area and positively support the local community by shopping in local places, using local facilities.

We purchased what we believed to be our forever home but your plans could change our aspirations entirely.

The economic growth that you are anticipating is based on a vast amount of assumptions and old information that will not deliver the proposed growth you are expecting.

Your proposals to build and develop commercial premises in Appleton and other surrounding areas will significantly change beautiful and traditional village areas, breathtaking places which will be completely destroyed as a result of your proposals.

The businesses that will be brought to the area will not provide jobs for many local residents, these will be large warehousing facilities who do not pay high level wages. These people taking up these jobs will not be able to afford to live in the local area.

Along with the human impact of your proposals, consideration must be given to the local wildlife that lives amongst us. Government policy cites intentions to reduce the carbon footprint and work together to preserve wildlife and our planet for future generations. These proposals will prevent that from happening. In a time when young people are being taught more and more about looking after our planet, what message does this send.

The impact on climate change through more vehicles on the road will worsen the current situation. Residents of the town will be subjected to more car fumes and CO2 emissions, which in turn will impact local health care provisions which are already over stretched. Warrington already has a very poor record for dangerous small particulate emissions.

More businesses that will be situated on 365 hectares of pristine land will result in more vehicles on the road including lorries and larger heavy goods vehicles. Notwithstanding the potential environmental and health issues, traffic will also worsen. Warrington is already prone to traffic disruption. The bridges which require urgent maintenance already cause travel chaos at peak times and will not be able to support further increases to vehicles on the road. More cars and large lorries will also pose more risks to the young people of our community through the increased risk of accidents.

I along with large numbers of residents feel that your proposal is unrealistic and that it would be catastrophic to our local community and therefore feel it is important to register our objection to your future plans.

Yours faithfully,

Lucy Speed