Mr Steven Fox

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To whom it may concern.

I hereby wish to register my objection to the Warrington's Draft Local Plan.

I feel very strongly that the plan is not fit for purpose, and that it should be shelved, and re drafted to reflect the actual needs of the town and it's surrounding villages and communities.

There are no exceptional circumstances for removing huge swathes of greenbelt. Every centimetre of brownfield land should be utilised first and foremost. This is even more pertinent now that Fiddlers Ferry Power Station is to be decommissioned in 2020, NEXT YEAR. This will release a huge amount of brownfield land that would meet the needs of multiple types of development.

The plan seeks to build a huge amount of housing that is not matched to the Government suggested figures. Surely it would make sense to devise a smaller plan with a shorter review timeframe, say every five years, then ACTUAL need for housing could be matched to demand. Rather than developers building properties that many local families and those wishing to buy affordable homes, could not afford.

The infrastructure drawn on the maps seems to be very poorly mapped. The major infrastructure seeming to open up land for development, rather than addressing the alleviation of traffic gridlock in and around the Warrington area.

The already overloaded roads would barely cope with any additional freight and housing traffic. Traffic which would in turn add yet more pollution to Warrington, which already exceeds air pollution levels set out as safe. How can the council agree to plans that would make the air, that all of us residents breathe, many times more polluted.

In the light of the Government's announcement on Net Zero Emissions, and the Global Climate Emergency, the huge amount of mass development, greenbelt grab and loss of natural habitat that the local plan would deliver – seems to be totally at odds with the Government's drive to reduce pollution, increase bio-diversity, plant trees, save, enhance and preserve natural habitats. If anything the current version of the Local Plan would seek to damage the very environment that we should now be protecting, for our health and the health of future generations.

I can not state strongly enough that I reject this Local Plan.

Thank you for considering my objection.

Yours sincerely, Steven Fox