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Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to express my view on the Proposed Submission Version Local Plan (draft Local Plan) for Warrington Local Plan 2019.

Local Plan- Proposed Submission Version Issues

I don't believe the basis of the predicted economic growth is sound, verifiable and justifiable. The UK is facing one of its biggest uncertainties in its history on Brexit issue and the direction of the country and its immigration policy are not clear. Hopefully, the excessive immigration rates seen in recent years would become more realistic. The current long-term planning should not be based on ambitious assumptions on which large areas of green belt and home to nature would be lost.

The proposed house building schemes is excessive - 18,900 houses across Warrington by 2037. The increase in this scale is alarming and will attract population who work in Liverpool and Manchester employment areas, particularly in Warrington South (7400 houses in South Warrington alone). I cannot see why the precious green belt should be sacrificed for workers from other cities.

The commercial premises proposed near Appleton Thorn/ Grappenhall are overwhelming. They would situate on approx. 365 hectares of pristine land, some of it precious Green Belt land. These would be the 2nd biggest in the country behind Trafford Park. Some of these employment premises are for warehouse type of business which would be lower-value added business and would provide minimum employment. Warrington has got more than its share of warehouse business and more hi-tech type of industries should be in the plan. I object using green belt to build storage and/or warehouse type of business.

The destruction of village character and landscape in South Warrington is not acceptable.

The additional traffic and pollutions due to additional traffic, 2,000 HGVs per hour from Langtree Six/56 commercial warehousing site are not acceptable without a scientific report to justify that the pollution levels are acceptable for the local and Warrington wide residents. Warrington already has worst record in the country for dangerous small 2.5-micron particulate emissions. There's a proven link btw exposure to small particulates and premature death (respiratory, heart).

The current draft plan is in violation of green belt land. The justification in the plan shows no special circumstances to release green belt for new build premises.

Transport Plan LTP4

The presented transport strategy is poor and lack of essential details. A lot of road infrastructure is unplanned or only aspirational across lifetime of the Local Plan. This level of proposal is subject to interpretation in the future and is not fit for purpose for public votes.

The funding issue for some infrastructure projects (roads and bridges) is not discussed and potentially will be grossly underfunded rendering the whole plan being undeliverable.

I consider both the LP-PSV and LTP4 are not sound and are undeliverable.