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Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing concerning Warrington's Local Plan. I am very concerned that the plan is not sound or justifiable in many ways.

In particular, I am concerned about the plan's intention to develop on Green Belt land on Warrington Road in Statham, Lymm. This is not in accordance with the plan's statement that it will maintain and enhance the character and distinctiveness of the villages. Removing these fields from the Green Belt will not only destroy a valuable wildlife corridor, but will also destroy Lymm as a distinct settlement. These few fields are essential to maintain Lymm as a separate entity from Thelwall and Warrington.

The population of Lymm has increased dramatically in the last 10 - 15 years. The current infrastructure of Lymm is unable to cope with any further increase in population. There is already a 2 - 3 week wait for a routine doctors appointment, and it is very hard to get through on the telephone to make an 'on-the-day' appointment before they have all been snapped up.

It is unjustifiable that the vast majority of the proposed developments are in South Warrington. The hospital and all drop-in centres are in North Warrington, necessitating a journey across the few ship-canal bridges to the far side of Warrington for even simple medical care such as blood tests and ear syringing. The roads from south of the ship canal to Warrington are already full to capacity during the rush hours. It is unrealistic to expect any extra people to be able to travel into Warrington without causing bigger traffic jams, along with the resulting air pollution for those unfortunate enough to live along the routes.

Warrington hospital is already so busy that patients are often kept waiting for hours in corridors on ambulance trolleys, waiting to be seen by doctors in A&E. This is not only stressful for the patient, but it also unnecessarily holds up the ambulance staff, who are not free to attend further emergencies until their current patient is accepted into the A&E department. It is unsound to increase the population further without **first** building more hospital capacity.

It is unjustifiable to take valuable land out of the Green Belt until all Brownfield sites have been utilised. The centre of Warrington has many such Brownfield sites and also has an excess of empty retail space which should be re-purposed as housing before removing further land from the Green Belt. This would be a very effective way to regenerate Warrington's town centre.

It has just been announced that Fiddlers Ferry power station will close in 2020. This extensive Brownfield site would be a much more justifiable site for development of housing than the permanent removal of land from the Green Belt.

Regards,

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