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Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> June 2019

Dear Councillor Bowden,

**Re: Draft Local Plan, Public Consultation**

After reading through the above document I feel as a local resident since birth appalled at some of the measures Warrington Borough Council feel they need to take to satisfy the demand of the future, with seemingly disregard for the environment of the future. My main concern is the release of Greenbelt land across the town, which is already minimal and can never be regained once it has gone.

The huge development planned for the area is unsustainable and unnecessary. Our open countryside is precious and can never be replaced. The Council state that there is a need for another 18,900 dwellings to house around 44,000 people, yet the official population growth figures forecast an increase of only 18,874 by 2041, requiring only 7,864. So why the need for such highly inflated figures? If the official forecast was to be satisfied this could be achieved with dwellings built exclusively on brown field sites.

There is a significant proportion of greenbelt land designated within the plan to be released for developed, however, despite sites such as Fiddlers Ferry and Lovely Lane hospital potentially becoming available for housing within the next 20 years.

The infrastructure and air pollution of the town is already a serious problem. The extra traffic generated by 116 hectares of new industrial development and another 5,000 houses has not been accounted for within the plan and despite the "Garden Suburb" the Council hope the create, it is unlikely in this modern world families will simply abandon their cars. In addition, the Council gave reasons of 'air quality' to turn down development at Peel Hall. There have been no changes or developments since this, but hasn't been mentioned as part of the plan.

If the plan set is carried out it will clearly devastate the town, South Warrington in particular, changing the area forever.

Thank you for taking the time to consider these issues and I look forward to hearing your thoughts as part of the consultation process.

Regards



Kate Gilman