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Dear Sir

Consultation on WBC proposed Submission Version Local Plan

Thank you for your letter dated 15th April 2019

I wrote at length in 2017 so will not repeat the points I made then, but would like to emphasise the need to:-

- Seriously consider how to use empty properties in the town centre for accommodation. It would help to regenerate the town centre and reduce pressure on the need for houses elsewhere. It has been introduced successfully in other towns.
- Build in from the start Warrington's health needs. Life expectancy here is well below the National average and increased traffic is going to jeopardise any improvement. You will be aware of the recent case of a child dying of asthma in London and that the parents are bringing a case against the Government because of air pollution locally exceeding permitted levels.
- Take note of the recent report on Climate Change outlined many things that both we as individuals, and government locally, can do to alleviate the problem. It would be a great opportunity to show how WBC is honouring such a strategy

Yours faithfully



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Dear Sir

Local Plan Review

Thanks for your recent letter, letting me know about the latest thinking on the Local Plan.

In town the other day I walked from Palmyra Square to Buttermarket Street. En route I passed several empty shops; the old Co-op site, M&S, Rigby's, Crawshaws. In addition there's the old BHS and many others too numerous to mention.

Is it possible, in any way, for any of these sites, to be used for accommodation instead of sacrificing Green Belt. Sir John Timpson recently reported that, generally, it would be possible to re-develop such sites. This would not only help the housing crisis but also re-generate town centres. Surely a win-win. Have you considered this strategy at all please.

Yours faithfully



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