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Dear Warrington Borough Council

I have read the Proposed Submission Version Local Plan for Warrington and I feel very little has changed from the PDO which I totally objected to in September 2017. I had numerous reasons why I opposed your PDO and twenty months later, these objections remain unaltered. These were, and still are, my main concerns:-

Why are you considering building a road along the Trans Pennine Trail, a pathway enjoyed by walkers, runners and cyclists? This high level road would cut through well-established communities in Grappenhall, Thelwall and Latchford and be very detrimental to the people who live there. It seems that you are supporting people who may be moving to Warrington at the expense of true Warringtonians who already live here.

The Green Belt is there to stop urban sprawl and to stop communities merging together, so why are you intending to build a huge Garden Suburb which will join up Appleton Thorn, Stretton and Grappenhall and totally destroy the character of the area? The residents of South Warrington don't want our individual villages turning into a huge characterless housing estate. Is it because you want Warrington to have city status and if so, have you asked for the opinion of residents concerning this matter?

Why do green fields need to be earmarked today for building in the future when there must be brownfield sites available in other parts of Warrington thus sharing the burden throughout the town? Why do we have to commit today to building 24000 new houses when your assumptions for future growth could be well off the mark?

I feel totally let down by this updated PDO. I see Warrington's future as a well-loved town made up of thriving communities and surrounded by easily accessible countryside and it is an absolute shame that WBC's vision is so different to mine! Please listen to what the South Warrington Parish Councils' Local Plan Working Group have to say, and then come up with a sensible level of development and a less harmful way of delivering it.

Yours sincerely

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