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To all to whom it should concern.

I have read in detail Warrington Council's future building plans, along with the current statements and policies that indicate the current ambition to drive towards a sustainable future for Warrington residents and wider communities of people and nature."

From the information available it appears that the aims are very limited.

The local plan states its aim is "to minimise the impact on the environment".

We could drive significant improvements for Warrington and beyond with a little ambition and effort to build momentum for sustainability in the Warrington community.

The plans aim to:

"Encourage resilience"... but say nothing to increase biodiversity or reduce emissions in real terms. We should be driving towards a zero carbon community.

The plans make no mention of Warrington's impact on global climate change which is absolutely agreed by science to be future causes of mass migration, mass famine, flooding, crop failure and more.

Limited mention of the impact on biodiversity. There is a genuine prospect of development being a potential driver to improve the awful levels of biodiversity on the UK. These have been under steep decline across UK, Europe and the world. Including the impact on pollinating insects to whom we all rely upon for all fruit and vegetables, and without whom huge populations will definitely starve. Can there be a public policy to:

- Stop use of any insecticides on public verge maintenance
- State aims to increase biodiversity and how
- State plans to plant significant numbers of trees to create forested areas around the community
- Plans to recue to zero carbon emissions and by what date
- Actively declare a climate emergency, as has been done by 423 worldwide councils, including 65 UK councils (including London, Bristol, Manchester and Edinburgh), covering 36 millions global citizens and 20 millions UK citizens.

Climate change is as Barak Obama said "The defining issue of our time".

WBC can do so much more.

Please can we make serious positive steps forward and not just pay lip service to the issues with appeasing words and no serious intent or action.

I look forward to your response.

Kind regards.

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