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Warrington Borough Council
New Town House
Buttermarket Street
Warrington

Dear Sir

Warrington Local Plan - Croft

Although I am not raising any objections to the Warrington Local Plan, I wish to make the following comments in relation to the proposals as they affect the village of Croft.

In November 2018, Croft produced its Parish Plan which identified a number of actions that villagers hoped would be taken into consideration during the preparation of the Local Plan. I note that the Parish Plan has been acknowledged in this latest version.

Action 1 in the Parish Plan states - *To maintain the permanence of the present green belt boundary within the parish.* However It is disappointing to learn that some of our green belt is to be lost to housing development.

Action 15 in the Croft Parish Plan states that - *Housing within the village inset should be in line with demographic trends and meet the needs of those on low income and those wishing to downsize.* When surveying current residents during the production of the Parish Plan, it became clear that there was a desire to improve the housing mix offering houses that are affordable to those on low income and for existing residents wishing to downsize.

Action 14 in the Parish Plan states – *Policies should be developed to reduce pressure on the existing infrastructure. Future highways projects should aim at reducing pressure.* The present infrastructure in Croft is clearly under stress as the village suffers frequent flooding and daily traffic congestion but there are no plans to develop the infrastructure. Large scale developments, particularly those remote from Croft village's central services and transport services, would have a severe impact and exacerbate an already unacceptable situation and

destroy the character of the village. It is pleasing to note that such developments within the parish have not been selected.

I hope that alternatives to the use of green belt land can still be found. However, should the proposals in the Local Plan be upheld, I would recommend that the above comments and actions in the Croft Parish Plan, should not just be acknowledged, but given serious consideration.

Yours faithfully

Roger Lamming