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I wish to object to the Proposed Submission Version of the Local Plan on the grounds it is not sound.

There are no exceptional circumstances to justify the release of this much Green Belt land for development, especially with most of the loss being in South Warrington. This would change the character of that area. Countryside and distinctive village communities would be lost forever.

The predicted number of houses needed in the future is set far too high. Official population increase predictions would require 528 houses per year. The Local Plan proposes 945.

20 years is too far ahead to plan. A 15 year plan would allow more brown field sites to be used as they become available and so limit the loss of Green Belt.

South Warrington is geographically constrained and already suffers heavy traffic congestion. There are no clear routes for new highways, motorway junctions or canal crossing. All proposed roads just feed into the existing system, which is not working now.

This amount of new housing and warehousing development would increase traffic and exacerbate the existing problems and worsen air quality.

The plan predicts the need for improved local infrastructure, but the Council cannot promise that any of these will be provided or when.

The proposals in this plan are not deliverable. The housing numbers that drive the plan are unrealistic to anything Warrington has achieved in the recent past. Poor highway infrastructure and geographical limitations make the plan undeliverable. Greenbelt should not be sacrificed.

signed
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