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Sirs I am pretty much a lifelong resident [REDACTED] living here most of my life, having been born in Grappenhall and going to the infants school in the village.

I am now retired and was looking forward to walking the paths and trails of the fields I played in as a child

Progress is progress but there is a lack of balance and singular failure to think ahead in whats being proposed

I had also looked at last years proposals with dismay and, said as much as part of the 2018 feedback

Sadly -I like many others **I see little change in this so called revised proposal.**

I am also aware of increasing green concerns about loss of green belt loss of bio diversity and the entire human race having 12 years to save the planet.

What you propose has changed little if at all from what was proposed and is effectively to my eyes, a criminal act given what else is going on.

A question - just how do you justify such growth requirements for the Town of Warrington ?

(emphasis on the word 'town' for thats what Warrington is and, what it should remain - we have three other 'proper' cities close by,

And

How people justify setting permanence of a new green belt boundary by taking away so much of what already exists (i.e. as per your supposedly revised proposal)

is a complete mystery to me

AND where you justify Warrington requiring such growth to the south east is, to my eyes either unexplained or simply not justified too

I would also add there remains (as I said last time) vast swathes of clearly redundant Brownfield land to the north of the Mersey as yet un-utilised

and needing urgent attention -- (you simply cant do this plan and leave this eyesore out of it i.e.)

Perhaps the biggest being the now redundant Fiddlers ferry power station

And so

In this day and age - how can ANYONE justify eating up the Grappenhall green belt as you propose with your garden village suburbs

before this major eyesore is removed and the land released - returned to something useful ?

As a modern responsible forward thinking council would actually address

I could go on and on

The plan appears driven by things I could surmise but wont (developers - Peel holdings corporate greed etc)

The new plan as the old one - it appears too ambitious - based upon what ?

does not demonstrate justification for use of so much of our green belt

does not explain how transport links will be commensurate with said growth

does not explain how this new growth will effectively link up with the town centre

latest proposal now only offers the merest hints at a new crossing in Latchford utilising the Trans Pennine Trail, but you got your fingers burned on that one --didnt you !

does not explain about the pollution and environmental consequences - hardly at all

drainage ? - where will all the water go if you tarmac vast swathes south of Grappenhall if it cant soak away ? - the local streams simply wont manage

and there are not the requisite barriers between existing suburbia and the new ones ?

My summary of all this

If this is accepted, all we become eventually is, a part of one giant Mersey valley urban sprawl with all individuality of any town or village between Liverpool and Manchester, extinguished for good.

and the thought therefore of Warrington being a city in its own right is frankly: - laughable (if thats whats behind all this)

Therefore, I am totally opposed to this plan

I will leave it there for now

And rest assured, the residents of south Warrington will continue to oppose this to our very best ability

Tony Roberts