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I wish to register my opposition to the Local Plan for Warrington.

I oppose it strongly and passionately on many levels. The plan will devastate South Warrington, changing our quality of life forever.

* The infrastructure of Warrington is completely inadequate. Our roads, motorway junctions and canal crossings are unable to cope with the present amount of traffic. Another 116 hectares of new industrial development and another 6,000 homes will further increase the jams and the chaos. Many households have up to four cars, although traffic engineers refuse to accept this in their calculations.

* The drastic increase of HGV and other traffic will significantly add to the air pollution which is already a serious problem in our town. The media is raising public awareness of the dangers of air pollution to the general public and especially young children. We should be trying to improve air quality for Warringtonians yet the consequences of the Local Plan will have the opposite effect and will be extremely detrimental to the health of our population. Green spaces and access to nature have also been proved to be vital for the nation's mental health.

* There are no good or indeed valid reasons to build on the Green Belt or on Green Field sites. There are already many Brown Field sites in Warrington which could be used to build the starter homes we need. Indeed, more Brown Field Sites are likely to become available over the next few years; the Fiddlers Ferry site is a prime example.

* Official population growth figures forecast an increase of only 18,874 by 2041. This would require only 7,864 dwellings which could all be built on Brown Field Sites.

* Once our familiar fields are lost, they are lost forever. The value of the Green Belt and the Green Field sites is immeasurable. Developers and Councils may put a price on them, but society cannot. Wildlife, humans and agriculture depend on them. The food on our plates does not come out of thin air.

The countryside is under threat and more and more people feel passionately about this. They do not want their children to breathe in polluted air. They want their families to have access to nature. They are becoming more concerned about the environment and this was borne out by the recent success of the Green Party and the Liberal Democrats in the European Elections.

In short, the huge development, (which may also in the future include the Stobart National Distribution Centre and Six 56) planned for Warrington is unsustainable, unnecessary and unwanted. It will devastate the area beyond recognition. There is no

need to build on the Green Belt or on the Green Fields. Our countryside is precious and can never be replaced. I am sure that you agree that our quality of life is more important than developer profit.

Yours faithfully,

Sian Porter