

We wish to object to the scale of the plan on the following grounds:-

- 1. The loss of green belt land as an amenity and for agriculture.
- 2. The disproportionate number of homes mostly to be built on green built land, in particular, south Warrington.
- 3. The number of houses suggests population growth of between 10 and 20,000, of which half the number are likely to be car owners. This would put major strain on existing roads and lead to congestion where there are crossings of the Mersey and the ship canal. The suggestion of using the trans-pennine trail as a route for transport would create a great deal of uncertainty and stress for anyone wishing to sell their property in the adjacent areas; indeed this has already caused people to back out of purchases. Roads in the Stockton Heath and Grappenhall areas are already a problem. Eg: Broad Lane is used already as a 'rat run' from the Stretton area to Warrington.
- 4. More housing is likely to increase water runoff and lead to a rise in the water table with greater probability of flooding.
- 5. The number of schools, etc, pre-supposes an adequate number of children and teachers, along with health care professionals.