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Dear Sir/ Madam

### Warrington Local Plan consultation

The consultation on the Warrington Local Plan has been drawn to our attention by local residents, the Trans Pennine Trail (TPT) office and through social media; with many concerns raised with regards its potential negative impact on walking and cycling routes in the borough.

Sustrans created the National Cycle Network and have worked for many years with local authorities and landowners to develop safe and attractive routes across the country which will provide an alternative to private car use for local journeys, as well as being great places for leisure and for cycling (and walking) tourism through long distance "challenge" routes.

The Warrington Local Plan consultation alarmingly makes reference to turning a section of the National Cycle Network and TPT into a road in the Grappenhall area, a suggestion we strongly object to and hope to see a complete re-think of. Losing this section of the NCN would be a great loss of amenity for local residents who enjoy it for walking and cycling as well as an attractive and important wildlife corridor. It would also affect the Trans Pennine Trail and NCN for long distance users, who provide an important income to the local area (Cycle tourism is worth up to £2.4 billion per annum to the UK economy made up of 1.23 million overnight trips and 149 million day trips). We would expect to see provision for sustainable transport at the heart of the local plan, to encourage healthier residents, reduce congestion and boost the local economy not as something which is ignored and in this case potentially degraded.

We are aware that you will receive a very a detailed response to the consultation from the Trans Pennine Trail office and do not wish to duplicate that piece of work, but to lend our support to the concerns expressed within their document. We would like to be involved in all future consultations as the plans progress.

Yours Faithfully

