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Subject: OBJECTION TO THE PROPOSED WARRINGTON PREFERRED LOCAL DEVELOPEMENT PLAN

PLEASE CIRCULATE TO ALL CONCERNED

As a resident of Grappenhall [REDACTED] I vehemently object to the proposed local development plan. This plan will result in the significant loss of greenbelt which will further impact on the rural character of our ancient village, and the distinctiveness of our village and surrounding areas will be irreversibly damaged.

Grappenhall is an area of outstanding beauty, visited by people from all parts of the UK. Its walks, wildlife, forestry, ancient buildings and archaeology (dating to the Bronze age) make it one of Warrington's treasures. Why, therefore, do you seek to destroy all of this? Do you really believe that the area would be improved by multiple housing estates and employment facilities?

The traffic congestion and road works during and after your proposed building work would result in our village becoming completely gridlocked. Disruptive road widening on the TPT and the major engineering works will see increased traffic on our country lanes. We are already awaiting the impact of the traffic heading for the motorway to avoid the dreaded

Mersey Gateway tolls. Air pollution figures in Warrington are already one of the highest in the UK, and, with this added noise pollution, this statistic will only become worse. Does the health of your residents concern you? I suspect not, as your council representatives informed me that there are no plans for a new hospital, despite the massive increase in population numbers.

I feel that your plans are about quantity not quality, concentrating on business without any concern for the social or environmental issues that will arise. I, for one, would like to see a list published of proposed developers and corporate bodies who will benefit from the plan. There is also this obsession with 'City' status. We sit nicely between two major cities, but we are a TOWN and we are happy to remain one!

Finally, I wish to voice my disgust at your lack of transparency and the complete disrespect of the residents of the affected communities. Having attended two of the consultation meetings, I found your councillors to be patronising and inconsistent with their answers. I fear the meaning of the word democracy has been lost in translation in the walls of the town hall.

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