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Dear Sir/Madam,

**Warrington Borough Council Local Plan. Preferred Development Option Regulation 18
Consultation**

I am writing to explain my feelings of around the proposed dual carriage way, to be built in the Grappenhall and Thelwall area.

[REDACTED] Grappenhall and Thelwall, [REDACTED] I feel strongly about the proposed plans, as Warrington has always been my home. [REDACTED] and have a more than keen interest in the protection of the environment, but also believe that development of areas is necessary so long as the end result is sustainable for the community.

After recently moving house [REDACTED] I had large involvement with my parents when it came to designing and planning the house, as we aimed to create something that the whole family could enjoy. We are fortunate enough with the location of our home to be right on [REDACTED] the Trans Pennine trail, a thriving local outdoor space. Even on the rainiest of days the people using the TPT, for walking, cycling and horse riding is phenomenal. As a keen golfer, I use the trail often for cycling to my golf club, or walking the dog. When cycling it provides a safe route for me to get to a destination, that prevents the difficulty of cycling of the unsafe roads. The TPT also provides a safe way for children [REDACTED] to get home from school without being fearful of roads. It is not just me who uses the trail for leisure activities but it is surprising how many times you walk on the TPT and see the same faces, or new faces and don't batter an eyelid at saying hello or stopping and talking to people. It is an extremely social area.

After experiencing the difficulty my family had in being able to build our extensions due to our property being on green belt land, it baffles me how the protected land can be opened up to dual carriage way. To build a road through rolling fields, will have a huge effect on the wildlife that lives in the areas, taking away an area that a species lives has devastating effects on the population numbers, which in the long run could lead to decline in that species and eventually the species be

extinct in that area. An example of a species that's habitat is going to be lost are the bats that I see out of my window every evening, where are they going to move to, seen as they are abundant around my house. Not only is green belt in place to prevent decline in certain species but it is more importantly there to prevent excessive urbanisation. The effects of over urbanisation are often seen in Warrington, being something I am interested in I notice a lot, areas that need regeneration due to deindustrialisation or people wanting to live in a nicer area, or just because of general wear and tear. Like the regeneration project in the town centre, I believe it has positives and negatives, for example, I rarely go to the town centre to because 20 minutes down the motorway is the Trafford centre, or Liverpool one.

Thelwall is a village I have always been involved with, [REDACTED] so the village is special to me. It is a lovely, quaint village that is adored by all of its residents. The royal British legion is a vital part of the village as it hosts a lot of events for the village. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] and once covered the tree routes as they were growing out of the ground. He was forced to undo all of his work due to the trees being protected. How can the road possibly plough through protected trees, but my granddad had to leave them alone?

When I first heard about the proposed plans, the builders were still completing the renovations that have taken nearly two years due to planning permission difficulties, as we had to be correct to green belt land. The first thing I saw was a crayon coloured drawing on a Facebook page. I am not an avid user of Facebook but I became aware of the plans straight away. I researched into them to find out that consultation ended a few weeks later. I think this is appalling, the plan made it awfully difficult to be able to see where the road was going to go, and I am still now even when writing this letter to you unsure where the projected road actually falls in Thelwall, and if my family home as with many other family homes will be compulsory purchased. The projected 8000 houses to be built in the Appleton Thorne area didn't really come as a shock to me, because I understand the reasons to build homes. I also understand that 24'000 homes are in planning for the whole of Warrington and some have started building, I believe that these predictions are extremely high, I know in Thelwall area that majority of the population are retired people, so the flow of people moving in and out of Thelwall is balanced. Appleton is one of the most sort after areas to live in in Warrington, and also one of the most expensive, how will it possible be viable to build all of these first time homes at an affordable cost for people like me, who will be looking to invest in a home in the near future. I would have loved to settle down in Warrington, especially in Grappenhall and Thelwall, as my parents stayed here because it was a great place with the perfect facilities to bring up their children. Unfortunately, as with many young people I will not want to settle down somewhere that has been ruined by a noisy polluting dual carriageway. A road that will ruin what is an areas surrounded by beautiful places to walk, cycle and enjoy, somewhere that community is particularly important but will be ruined by the infrastructure.

From what I understand of the newly proposed plans, the canal embankment is going to be used, so surely the new homes that are still in construction near the Knutsford road bridge will have to be demolished? Surely demolishing newly built homes to just build more is a waste of resources. It is the same with the plans to build primary schools, because all of the children from Bradshaw Primary School have to go somewhere, so in affect you are building 2 primary schools instead of 3.

Overall I believe that the plan to build the dual carriageway cannot possibly go ahead. On the councils haven't even given a proper plan or notified anyone if their home will be compulsory purchased. In Warrington there are plenty of areas that the money the road would cost can go for a better improvement to the town, for example the Bewsey and Latchford area that are stereotyped

for being bad areas? The impact of wild life will be too much to comprehend, and not to mention the fact that the council was so difficult around my family home being built on green belt land but then is able to go and demolish homes and build a road right through protected land.

I hope that you can take the time to read this, and I look forward to hearing your reply.

Yours sincerely