

I wish to express my concern and lodge my objection to the proposals outlined in Warrington's Local Development Plan (WLDP) on the following grounds:

- **Significant loss of green belt land**

I fail to see on any level Warrington Council's logic behind a 'preferred option' to build such a large proportion of the new housing on green belt land, particularly in the South Warrington area. Green belt policy was created for a very good reason, i.e. to prevent urban sprawl, maintain an area for agriculture and forestry, and provide a habit for wildlife, having a positive effect on the lives of both rural and urban inhabitants. In view of this, by their very definition, these areas should be the choice of absolute last resort and not a 'preferred option'.

I currently remain very unconvinced, from what I have read or seen with regard to the WLDP, that enough consideration has been given to potential brown field sites.

- **Traffic issues and pollution**

I believe that Warrington is already in the top 4 or 5 most polluted towns in the North West, so I fail to see how adding potentially another 50,000 cars or more into the mix can do anything to improve this.

The current infrastructure is creaking under the strain of existing traffic, you only have to witness the effect of an incident on any of the three motorways surrounding Warrington to get an insight into the potentially disastrous affect that the addition of such a huge volume of traffic would have, even with the 'proposed' new 'by-passes' in place.

- **Environmental affects**

The potential detrimental effect of the disruption, noise, vibration and pollution such large scale housing and infrastructure construction would have on wild life and residents should not be under-estimated and the loss of such large areas of green belt can only serve to exacerbate this.

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- **Schools and healthcare amenities**

Local schools and doctors surgeries are already over-subscribed and Warrington/Halton hospitals operating to capacity. The building of new schools and health care facilities may be included in the plan, but what consideration has been given to how these will be staffed and funded going forward?

- **Loss of history and heritage**

The proposed creation of a 'garden city' in the South Warrington will completely change the character of the area forever and destroy its history and heritage.

- **Quality of consultation**

Finally, in view of the massive scale and potential effects of this proposal on the residents of Warrington, I would like to express my abhorrence at the way in which this 'consultation' has been conducted. This timing and communication has been abysmal and has only served to raise suspicion of a 'lack of transparency' and a sense of 'fait accompli' with regard to the whole proposal.