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To whom it may concern,

Re: Local Plan Consultation 2017

Through this email I wish to object, in the strongest possible terms, to the proposals contained within the draft local plan for Warrington. Specifically the proposals to develop areas in the south of the town in the areas of Appleton, Grappenhall and Appleton Thorn.

My family moved in to a house in [REDACTED] and were attracted by the mix of semi-rural surrounding areas and local facilities that the area provides. The 'green' nature of the local area is very important to us all and we are strongly against the proposals to build or develop on the Green Belt areas in this part of Warrington.

Green Belt planning legislation was put in place because it was clearly required to prevent urban sprawl and the potential erosion of the balance between natural and built environments. Now, even more than when it was first enacted, the need to preserve open spaces so that all residents have areas in which to walk, cycle and play should be of paramount importance. The motivation of financial gain must not overrule the views of local residents and there is clearly very strong opposition to the proposed developments.

I believe that if the large scale housing development goes ahead, as indicated in the proposed plan, it will ruin the natural environments and green spaces that are so badly needed by all local residents. It will create major traffic problems, lower the air quality, create overcrowding, destroy natural habitats/ecosystems and significantly alter the local nature and character of this part of the town forever.

In conclusion, I hope that the views of local people will be listened to and that a truly fair and objective consultation process is undertaken on such a critical issue for the people who already live in south Warrington.

Yours faithfully,

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