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To whom it may concern

I am writing as a concerned resident who lives on [REDACTED] Grappenhall.

My main concerns regarding these large scale plans are as follows:

- The plan to have significant loss of Green Belt Land

The National Planning Policy Framework indicates that established Green Belt boundaries should only be altered in "exceptional circumstances". I have been unable to find any definition of "exceptional circumstances" from WBC.

I drive down [REDACTED] on a daily basis and see the land actively being used for agricultural purposes. This is why I choose to live in this area.

- I have no desire to live in Warrington 'New City'. I choose to live in an area surrounded by Green Belt land and not a City where I would be surrounded by houses of all shapes and sizes.
- I am horrified that the beautiful area I currently live in is proposed to be a Garden City Suburb. I am saddened that the other smaller villages next to Grappenhall such as Appleton Thorn and Stretton, which are currently separated from one another by fields, will be completely surrounded by the new residential developments. This will completely change the character of the area and destroy its history and heritage which is why I chose this area to live in.

The ability to access and enjoy green space is an amenity in itself and the loss of such a significant amount of green space will be detrimental to all residents, not just local ones.

- Stockton Heath is already over capacity. Whilst I know Stockton Heath is not mentioned specifically in the PDO, the impact of the Garden City Suburb and the Warrington South West Extension on this village will be enormous.

The traffic lights at the junction of the A49 and the A56 in Stockton Heath are already operating at capacity and the A49 flowing through the village is frequently at a standstill.

- Traffic issues and geography - A detailed traffic survey has not been included in the PDO. Warrington is uniquely positioned close to the M6, M56 and M62 motorways. The growth of Warrington has often been attributed to its proximity to the transport network. But Warrington is affected detrimentally whenever there are problems on the motorway network. With the new proposed Link Road - this will result in the deterioration of the quality of life for current residents who will be subjected to increased noise, pollution and vibration from the increased traffic flow. I will be directly affected.
- A high level environmental and ecological impact survey has not been included in the PDO. A wide variety of animals and birds live in the greenbelt areas including badgers, water voles, great crested newts and bats. I walk twice daily with my two dogs and do not require a car to drive to where I want to walk – across fields. With these proposals I would have to start driving to access places to walk.
- Warrington and Halton Hospitals are already operating at or near to capacity. Almost all of the GP / medical centres in Warrington are operating at or near to capacity. There is notably no mention of

increasing capacity at Warrington Hospital. The residents occupying the additional 24,000 dwellings will also need access to healthcare facilities.

- Equality - South Warrington is disproportionately affected by the Plan. North and Eastern Warrington are barely touched by the proposals.

I hope these grave concerns are taken into consideration as part of the consultation period and await hearing from you.

Kind regards

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