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27th September 2017

Dear Sir/Madam,

I wish to object to Warrington's Preferred Development Option - July 2017 and my objection points are outlined below.

The number of houses proposed to be built in Warrington over the next 20 years is too excessive and not sustainable, in a town where the roads are already gridlocked and the services, such as NHS, doctors, schools are at full capacity. A significant population rise in the Warrington area will put extra pressure on these essential services and they will certainly not be able to cope, especially at a time when Warrington Hospital is considering closing part of its facilities. The high concentration of building is also in areas which will not provide affordable housing for the town and surrounding areas.

Warrington Borough Council is using a building development figure which is unrealistic. I also believe future housing should only be built on available Brownfield sites across the Borough. This will ensure that run down areas are improved and regenerated to the benefit of local residents.

There appears to be a liberal use of Green Belt within the plan, especially in the South of Warrington. I object to the large scale use of such land which will change the landscape forever. Proposals for such high volume of building in the Green Belt will also have a devastating effect on local wildlife, and natural habitats/wildlife corridors. Current issues with air and noise pollution within Warrington will be further exacerbated. Warrington needs a balance of areas which include rural, urban and semi-rural these proposed plans endanger that balance.

The building of a flyover for the potential strategic route, using part of the Trans-Pennine Trail will create further noise and air pollution, mean that houses have to be demolished and loss of a natural well used recreational facility. This part of the plan has not been clear or well communicated. How is the Council to fund such a scheme and which local people or wildlife will this benefit?

Please can you also clarify the Borough Council's position on 'City status', which I don't believe residents within Warrington or surrounding areas want. What is to be gained by such a status?

The last point I would like to make is regarding WBC's consultation process which has been very poor. Consulting with Warrington residents during the summer holiday is verging on underhand. This has upset many people across Warrington whom you are supposed to be representing and looking after their best interests.

There are many points I wish to raise, but those listed above are the main ones. I hope that future consultation will be more robust and inclusive. To summarise I request that Warrington's PDO is

scaled down significantly so that the impact to local Warrington residents, Green Belt and wildlife is minimised.

I request receipt of my objections.

Yours faithfully,

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