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Dear Sir

Warrington Borough Council Local Plan. Preferred Development Option

I wish to strongly object the Preferred Development Option Plan for the following reasons:

The Public consultation was held throughout the peak holiday season yet again without adequate advertising. Since then the council representatives at the public consultation meetings have been vague/misleading and inconsistent with the public compounding fears rather than giving clear direction. The maps used have been unclear outdated and ill thought

I feel the council is misleading the volume of housing required leading the public to believe that this is a government requirement when in fact the figure is much lower. Are the figures of 24,000 new houses taken into account that there has recently been an announcement of revised housing requirement calculation by the government? I feel at best we need to await our need for housing figures post Brexit.

I understand the current need for affordable housing but do not believe this will be solved building in the WA4 area of Warrington. Can you give an estimation of what ratio of houses being built will be housing association and what will be privately owned to the benefit of private developers.

Has the council fully taken into account the current Brownfield land around Warrington to help reduce the potential need to take away our much needed Green Belt land?. Our Green Belt land is a vital part of our town not only for the abundance of wildlife and its habitat but for our physical and mental wellbeing. Taking away our Green Belt will have a detrimental effect to air pollution. Warrington being ranked 2nd highest in the North West I feel that with the additional 24,000 houses/cars on our roads this is wholly unacceptable.

Warrington is notorious for flooding. Can the council provide information on how this will be combated with the loss of natural drainage against the proposed additional houses//business premises and roads being built.

The plan includes the redevelopment of Moore Nature Reserve to become a port. The reserve is home to many diverse species of plants, animals, birds and other wildlife. Along side this Moore Reserve has an important role of natural drainage for thousands of gallons of water. Does Peel Holdings really have a right to demolish a much loved beauty spot in the pursuit of more money! Progress is not the creation of more wealth at whatever cost.

I appreciate that Warrington is in great need to resolve the congested roads however the proposed use of the Trans Pennine Trail should not be the solution . The Trail is a national coast to coast route for recreation and transport - for walkers, cyclists and (in parts) horse riders. Again the desecration on our wildlife and it habitat is short of criminal , the Trail should be preserved at all costs.

The additional blight to peoples homes and quality of life is a travesty. Would you like this in your back yard? The homes that will be compulsory purchased would be the fortunate ones. How would people ever be able to sell their properties with a dual carriageway out side their back door.

Warrington's current road issues will not be addressed by just building an additional dual carriageway to accommodate more residents who will use the infrastructure to travel to Liverpool or Manchester. More housing in the cities would be a greener option to mitigate need for journeys from neighbouring towns.

I would like the council to rethink the Preferred Development Option plan and take into account how strongly the residents of Warrington feel about this. Warrington Borough Council needs to realise that the majority of Warrington residents do not wish to be a City nor a Garden city and have chosen to live in Warrington for a semi rural life style choice, living in small villages which collectively make up Warrington and make it such a pleasure to live in

Once we have destroyed our Green belt along with our wonderful wildlife it will be gone forever there will be no turning back!

