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It seems to me that the Green Belt area around Grappenhall, Thelwall and Appleton Thorn has little or no status. I am amazed at how easily the importance of this area can be so easily ignored - an area that has value to those who enjoy it as a beautiful and varied natural habitat. There do not appear to be sufficient 'exceptional circumstances' to override the Green Belt here. The proposed new housing appears to be concentrated in south Warrington; it will not provide the affordable housing which is needed within the borough. This housing will be far too expensive for new house owners to buy or rent.

The plans for the new road which will provide further access into the town centre are unclear. Inevitably this has caused huge concern to those who could be directly affected by its development - it is irresponsible of the planners to be so vague when the future of people's property could well be at risk. Such a road across this area of countryside is likely to add to the pollution of fumes and noise already suffered because of the massive traffic on the m6. More traffic will be funnelled into the centre of the town creating further congestion problems. The toll imposed on the bridges at Runcorn could make such a road an attractive alternative crossing for motorists and heavy goods carriers.

Is it really necessary to turn the town into a city? I have no ambition to live in a city. I wonder whether the people of Warrington aspire to such an absurd idea.

I have been shocked at the way the consultation process was carried out. Only part way through the presentations was I aware of what was going on. Much greater effort and consideration of the local people should have been given. The plans themselves are vague - there are no road names or easily recognisable features to see the exact location of these proposed housing areas.

Thank you for your time and consideration in reading my thoughts

