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To Whom It May Concern:

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

Firstly, there was inadequate advertising of the public consultation meetings, which were also held during peak holiday season, resulting in many residents missing the opportunity to attend. Furthermore, the meetings were not held in key areas such as Thelwall and Grappenhall.

The information given at the public consultations and the associated maps were outdated and unclear and the representatives seemed to give inconsistent answers to the same questions, begging the question if the council can't give a clear message, what hope do the public have in understanding the limited information being supplied?

Considering Warrington was recorded as having the second highest air pollution levels in the North West by a 2016 study by the World Health Organisation, why would the council wish to increase this further with a huge development that will significantly increase the volume of traffic and air pollution and have a negative impact on existing residents' quality of life? Not to mention the significant burden the increased population will have on an already over-stretched and under-resourced health service.

Perhaps the most important point to make is that the public have been led to believe that the volume of housing required has been set by the government when, in fact, it is Warrington Borough Council who have calculated the requirement: there is no need to build so many houses on green belt land. It is imperative that the council protect the existing green belt land and use brown field sites instead. To decimate the precious green belt land in South Warrington would cause considerable blight to surrounding houses and destroy the community feel which attracts and retains residents in areas around Warrington. It would be a disgrace to see this destroyed.

Yours sincerely,

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