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My name is [REDACTED] and I have lived in this area since [REDACTED]. I am writing to you to express my views on the proposed development in south Warrington. I sent you a brief comment by email on September 12th and I now wish to expand upon those thoughts.

I think that the scheme to build thousands of new houses in the Appleton, Grappenhall and Thelwall district is ill conceived. Everyone in the Warrington area is aware of the traffic chaos which occurs on a very regular basis whenever there is a problem on the motorway or one of the other primary routes through the town. I myself was severely delayed on August 17th when a journey which would normally take 10 minutes (from junction 21 of the M6 southbound to my home in [REDACTED]) took 2 hours 50 minutes. If each new household had 2 cars on average this would greatly increase congestion. Building a new road would not have much impact when roads in south Warrington are already so clogged up.

Whilst on holiday I read part of a book written by a lady describing a walk she undertook from Land's End to John of Groats. She passed through Stockton Heath and her comment was "The traffic is incredible and it took me forever to cross the road." That was way back in 1999 !

In order to build new roads to service the garden city it would be necessary to construct bridges over the Mersey, the Ship Canal and the Bridgewater Canal. How much cost is that going to incur?

The amount of infrastructure needed to service the new housing is mind boggling. I've heard that Warrington Hospital is inadequate to cater for the existing population and also that Appleton College is to close. Yet the council thinks it is a good idea to go ahead with this plan. In addition I am violently opposed to building on green belt land and covering good farmland in concrete.

I come now to the impact on my own area. My husband and I have lived in our present home for [REDACTED]. At present our street is quiet and a pleasant place to live. The new proposal has put all this in jeopardy. Our homes are either at risk of possible demolition or we face the prospect of a noisy dual carriageway being constructed very close by. You will not be surprised to learn that we and our neighbours are very upset about this. Not only that we will lose the section of the Trans Pennine Trail which I walk along on a regular basis.

Of course we are also really concerned about the fall in the value of our property. This scheme has already blighted our homes. We don't have any desire to move, but we would find it difficult now to sell our house even if we wanted to.

In summary I think that the council have got this wrong for many different reasons. Be assured that I will be protesting whenever I get the opportunity. Please don't spoil our area by building on such a large scale.

Yours very sincerely, [REDACTED]