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I am writing to express my deep concern and total opposition to the current proposed Preferred Development Option Consultation ,that intends to build 9,000 houses on green belt land , the overwhelming majority of these will be south of the Manchester Ship Canal .The plan is a proposal on an ambition to develop Warrington into a city.Why? Warrington is losing its identity as it spread and sprawls merging with neighbouring towns as its green belt and natural boundaries are gobbled up by developers greedy and unrealistic plans.We talk of growth in population and provision of jobs and houses .What sort of jobs are actually available ?warehouse service industries ,low paid .unskilled workers on zero hour contract ,living in high rent properties .So a worker on minimum wage with no job security is forced to rent a private high rent property ,this is a recipe for poverty the resident cannot afford to pay their rent and is subsidised by the government in housing benefit thus putting an extra burden on public coffers ,who does this system benefit ?the landlord and the developer.How much of this housing will be affordable ?how many of these jobs will be professional .how much training apprenticeships can we realistically count on .Which manufacturers have signed up and committed to build there premises in Warrington.The proposal is a projection for the next 20 years .So instead of seizing green belt land look at future brown field sites that may become available eg Fiddlers Ferry Warrington hospital and the town centre ,particularly Sankey street and bridge street .there are streets of empty shop units ,redevelop these for

residential and social housing. The council's aspiration for a garden city does not take into account the detrimental effect the proposed will have on the current residents of south Warrington.

How sound are the figures for the projected amount of areas needed for economic development. What sort of businesses have been sought and committed to invest.

If 24,000 houses are needed and 15,00 are built on urban sites, the remaining 9,000 on a 20 year projection should be offset against urban sites becoming available in the future.

I live near a green belt area and I enjoy and appreciate the area I live in as do all of my neighbours friends and local residents. This proposal will have a negative impact on all of the people who live along the proposed sites. The council have not taken our needs and opinions into account when developing these plans.

If a considerable amount of work has gone into this proposal why has the council not had any consultation with residents affected, I live in the area and myself and many others have only recently been made aware of the plans. The council have deliberately kept this quiet so it can pass the plans with no consultation. Who is involved in the decision making? Local parish council and residents haven't been consulted. It would appear developers are running the scheme and the council are jumping into their pockets. The council is elected by the people of Warrington so when do we get our views taken into account.

The negative impact on existing residents is going to be enormous, already traffic congestion is appalling imagine the impact of another 9,000 homes with 2 car families will have on air pollution, the loss of green spaces (impacting mental and physical health) and falling house prices to name but a few. How can a transpennine route that stretches

and links up with similar paths all over Europe be destroyed causing a lack of a fantastic resource for thousands of people in the area and internationally be allowed to go ahead. I urge the council to reject this plan and look at an alternative

Yours sincerely,

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