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Dear Planning Committee

It was less than two months ago when I first heard about the plan to turn South Warrington into a garden city – I thought it was a joke or just harmless gossip.

To my utter dismay, it is true, and I can hardly believe the extent of the wanton destruction that WBC have planned for our precious and beautiful green belt. The ancient woodlands, footpaths, ponds and wildlife are to be bulldozed over to make way for 24,000 houses (far in excess of local demand), industries (what industries we don't know), and a major dual carriageway that will potentially transport 48,000 more cars onto the already gridlocked M56 and M6 motorways.

Green belt means green belt. It is not land for urban development - except when all other potential Brown field sites are exhausted. I do not believe that WBC has considered all other options. Where is the evidence that they have done so? Where is the evidence that we need 24,000 houses? Where is the evidence that Warrington can attract sufficient industry to the area?

I have lived in Pewterspear for the last  years. I have yet to meet anyone (young or old) living in South Warrington who is in favour of this 'city plan'. And many of my neighbours, even today, are unaware of it.

It is a vanity project dreamt up by developers and planners for dubious profit. It is set to destroy our local community and change this area forever and irrevocably. How can Warrington hope to compete with the nearby great cities of Liverpool and Manchester? Warrington will be a laughing stock.

Our money and valuable resources would be better spent on rejuvenating our historic town centre and bringing it back to life. This is something that all Warringtonians would vote for.

I love this area but if this plan goes ahead, I for one, will be moving out of Warrington.

Yours sincerely



