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To: Local Plan
Subject: Draft Local Plan Objection

Hello, I would like to object to the Draft Local Plan for the following reasons:

- The loss of 600 acres of Green Belt is not justified. In areas of Warrington, we have sensitive wild life habitats and need to protect the greenbelt for future generations as it can never be replaced. Trees and green areas are needed for the health of the community and to reduce air pollution from an industrial town. Warrington sits in the Mersey Valley where air quality is poor, wider social aspects of environmental protection are extremely important for public health.
- James Brokenshire, Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government emphasised that housing need figures are not a target and local authorities should make a realistic assessment of the number of homes their communities need 'using the standard method as a starting point in the process'. The government has decided to use the higher 2014 figures rather than the more up to date 2016 figures which are considerably lower. The housing numbers which drive the whole plan are unrealistic relative to what Warrington has achieved in the past.
- According to the 2018 public health report, there are areas of poor air quality next to the motorways and main traffic routes. The Air Quality Action Plan was made available for public consultation which has 18 actions aimed at improving air quality including improvements to reduce traffic impact and development strategies that can mitigate the impact.
- The cumulative impact of all the distribution centres planned along the M6 from Haydock point and Parkside in St. Helen's along with Warrington depots will have a further impact on air quality standards in the area. Workers will be coming from outside the area, further adding to the congestion further at this point, new homes in South Warrington would be too far from both our railway stations, meaning more car usage across town.
- In Warrington we need more green space, not to destroy what we have!The health of Warrington residents also needs to be taken into consideration:

IF greenbelt needs to be destroyed, why take it all from one area? Why not spread it across the whole of Warrington?

Regards,

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