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To: [Local Plan](#)  
Subject: Objection to Local Plan  
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Hi,

Please find below the reasons for my objection to your local plan proposal:

Re: Objection to Warrington Local Plan

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I write to express my concerns about the Local Plan proposed by Warrington Council and subsequent impact on the villages and suburbs of South Warrington. I would like to object to the plan on the following grounds:

**Economic Growth**

The plan submission is based over a 20 year period using very ambitious growth targets for both development and activity. Actual growth is likely to be much reduced in comparison. There is also little in the way of joined up approach into how this connects with the plans of neighbouring councils.

The jobs created by the proposed plan are unlikely to be ones with salaries to support owning the new houses so would be another addition to the commuter belt, further diluting local economic growth.

**Infrastructure**

There is talk of the growth of Warrington town centre, but the lack of a clear plan for transport to move the new inhabitants there. Currently anyone visiting the town centre will have to use the A50, which with no improvement will just grind to a halt, as usual, by Bridgefoot roundabout. This will then likely lead to increased and further journeys to both Liverpool and Manchester, increasing both the journey time and environmental impact for commuting, shopping and leisure.

Both rail stations in the town are in the centre, so any travel there requires additional journeys into the town itself.

For the plan to be a success it requires an integrated transport plan, which sadly is not the case for South Warrington as there are no significant improvements proposed to the road infrastructure from the Garden Suburb into the Town Centre.

**Greenbelt loss**

The loss of greenbelt in South Warrington generated by the proposal is unnecessary when the immense brownfield site at Fiddlers Ferry is due to become active within the lifetime of the plan.

The loss of the only Greenbelt space in South Warrington would leave residents there bordered by motorways and more warehousing from industrial sites – making the likelihood of increased journeys to get to green space which will no longer be on their doorstep.

**Congestion and air pollution**

Warrington already has poor air quality, so the increase in traffic and inevitable consequential delays increases the problem, and the removal of green belt land compounds the issue by shrinking the ‘lungs’ of the town. It is counter-intuitive!

## Housing

The requirement for developers to build only 30% of affordable housing would clearly not be enough for the type of jobs created in the new areas from the warehouses and distribution centres. This again means more commutes from outside the area to get into the employment areas, whilst the remaining housing will likely go to residents who will commute away from the area.

Yours sincerely

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