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I am emailing to oppose the local plan.

I urge you to do the right thing for this and future generations, this will ruin south Warrington forever.

1. A proposal for 7000 houses in the Green Belt in one authority cannot be sustainable.
2. This land is not “spare” but supports existing farms and rural businesses
3. Given Brexit and climate change it is shortsighted to build on agricultural land whether Green Belt or not
4. The important issue of gaps between settlements cannot be considered without showing the plans and ambitions of neighbouring authorities. Warrington should not be joined to Halton, St Helens, Greater Manchester (particularly Wigan and Salford) and the “ Cheshire” towns and settlements to the South.
5. The first thing to consider before planning for expansion greater than the “ natural growth”, referred to in the past, is infrastructure. Warrington is in a contradictory position being “well served by motorways” but these motorways are now not fit for purpose. Journeys on them are unreliable given the high volume of traffic and frequent accidents and blockages. The situation will be exacerbated by large proposed/approved logistics/employment sites to the North along the M6. There will also be vehicles coming to Warrington to avoid the two Mersey toll bridges. It is not just the motorways that are congested but our local roads.
6. It could be said that Warrington’s success is a result of the previous Regional Spatial Strategy controlling the location and amount of development, concentrating on developing town and city centres.
7. The delivery of strategic and local infrastructure will be difficult given the financial situation. It should be noted that under present planning rules developers can renege on infrastructure commitments previously agreed.
8. We also have the damaging HS2 2b route affecting the East and North of the Borough, although it will, when under construction, cause major problems to anyone from a wider area wishing to travel to and from the East.
9. It is disappointing that we are likely to have a spiral of alternately matching housing land to employment land and employment land to housing.

Thank you for taking the time to read my comments

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