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Dear Sirs,

Please accept this e-mail as my formal representation on the Draft Local Plan.

Official population increase predictions do not support the housing targets set out in the Draft Local Plan on which the proposed release of Green Belt land is based and there are no clear and funded proposals to address the existing traffic congestion issues, air pollution and associated health issues which will only be exacerbated by the increase in housing in South Warrington. For these reasons the release of Green Belt land in South Warrington as proposed in the Draft Local Plan is not justified and the Draft Local Plan (DLP) is not sound.

Green Belt release should be taken off the table until such time as the Council makes a realistic, independent and compelling case for releasing Green Belt land. Such a case should include meaningful assessments of (i) the irreversible impact of loss of greenbelt land on the diversity of the ecology and wildlife that inhabit the Green Belt land in South Warrington (such as foxes, badgers, bats, field mice, pheasants, buzzards that are not an uncommon sight around the Appleton area), (ii) the adverse impact on the health and wellbeing of local residents who enjoy walking and cycling in the relatively fresh air of the South Warrington countryside, and (iii) the realistic and funded solutions to the existing and potentially increased traffic congestion and air pollution created by the de facto access constraints to South Warrington defined by the Manchester Ship Canal and the Bridgwater Canal crossing points and the compatibility of those solutions with HM Governments recently announced right to clean air.

The 20 year period of the DLP is too long a period to set a plan that is irrevocable. Any Plan should allow for reassessment and variation in light of changes to legislation and regulation which impacts on use of Green Belt land and for the possibility of future release of brownfield sites as a that of Warrington General Hospital.

The release of Green Belt land in South Warrington should be an action of last resort as once it is developed it is lost forever and the existing character and distinctiveness of the villages and surrounding environment of the South Warrington area which is much treasured and enjoyed by locals and visitors to the area will be destroyed.

Yours faithfully,

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