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I am writing in connection with the proposed local plan which I am against as it will be very bad for the local area of South Warrington in particular. Warrington Borough Council have not considered residents objections in the consultation of 2017 producing a draft plan which ignores many of the objections it received.

The council thinks that it can just carry on with their plan along with the big business that they are linked to in many deals, consultation is minimal and often a box ticking exercise rather than a reflection of the views of the community.

The Greenbelt was designed to protect against urban sprawl preventing unnecessary destruction of the countryside, it can only be released in exceptional circumstances and this plan does not meet these criteria.

Other alternatives should be considered first such as brownfield sites. It has just been announced that Fiddlers Ferry Power station will close next year which no doubt will free up a large brownfield site for the future. There is no need for 5000 new houses in Grappenhall and Warrington and a new garden city which will destroy our villages. If it is allowed, they will all merge to one big sprawl and it will badly affect the air quality of the area already under pressure from the existing motorways and roads. Removing the green space and adding many more cars and lorries will be catastrophic for the area. The council is refusing to declare a Climate Emergency as advised by its MP's and many residents despite the poor air quality in the town, probably because it would weaken their case for this huge expansion. which will make the air quality significantly worse.

We need to protect our wildlife the wildlife, there are many birds, hares, badgers, woodpecker, owls and bats to name but a few species thriving in amongst the farmland and seen regularly.

I question the number of homes that this plan says are needed and how the facilities in the local area will cope with this suggested increased number. The plan as it stands is for the next 20 years yet it only needs cover the next 15 years, if it reflected the needs of the next 15 years a lot less homes were needed and so a lot less of the greenbelt would need to be released. Indeed, the government has only said that its suggested numbers for housebuilding are a guideline not a target for each area.

There are already a large number of houses approved for building in the area in the near future that are not even included in this plan having been recently approved, these were rushed through before the local plan was submitted and should really be considered in the overall numbers.

This is a massive proposed change to South Warrington and many residents do not agree with it, yet the council continues to try to impose this on the community, as an example there are four different plans all out together for consultation on transport, warehousing, the local plan and Eddie Stobart developments, it seems as if they are trying to get as much through as possible thinking residents will not respond to all 4 plans.

There is land and brownfield sites in the town centre that should be considered for use first, many buildings falling into disrepair that could be regenerated and better used.

I believe this local plan is unsound and that Warrington cannot reasonably sustain a development of this size, we are a town not a city! We should be looking to use brownfield sites first and to preserve our villages and greenbelt. Our roads and bridges cannot cope with the existing traffic let alone all the extra development that is being planned I urge you to listen to the community and it's representations when taking into account development of this area, our views have not been considered so far in this process.