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I wish to make the following comments in response to the current consultation on the Warrington Local Plan.

- I live locally and do not believe that Warrington Borough Councillor's have taken the community's views into account during the preparation of the plan. Little has changed since the 2017 version.

- I am opposed to the loss of large areas of green spaces (600 acres) in South Warrington and do not consider there to be exceptional circumstances to justify the destruction of greenbelt. Feasible alternatives must be exhausted first including the large areas of unused brownfield land around Warrington. A short drive around the town shows empty units, To Let signs and there has been a recent announcement that the Fiddler's Ferry power station is to close.

- The predicted growth is based on old data and overly ambitious assumptions. The reality would be that many of the new houses would be unaffordable for local people – workers at the warehousing-type developments at Six-56 and Stobart's would have to commute from outside the immediate area.

- Railway stations are on the other side of Warrington for people commuting to other cities etc for work, which will increase traffic on the roads locally.

- There are other developments being attempted (Langtree & Stobart's), which are not included in the plan which will affect the Garden Suburb area. These developments should be taken into consideration alongside the local plan and vice versa.

- A development of the scale of the garden suburb (4200 dwellings) will increase pollution of all kinds – noise, light, air. Warrington already has poor air quality.

- The Council has made unrealistic growth predictions and seems to be based on the idea that new housing will create economic benefit, not the other way round.

- There is no new route into town from the South east – the plan still relies on three swing bridges which are failing.

- This plan won't do anything to help regeneration for Warrington, rather the pattern of commuting to the larger cities for work etc.

- There are no details for roads/infrastructure other than for a new wide dual carriageway from the M56 to Barleycastle industrial estate – the volume of freight traffic using this road would be unrelenting and increase pollution at a time of climate crisis.

- The resulting urban sprawl would alter the character of the area I live in and the surrounding countryside I do not agree with.

The plan is unsound and undeliverable.

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