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To whom it may concern

We would like to raise my objections to the local development plan. We have many reasons why this plan is unjustified and not sound as outlined below:

Firstly, the use of Greenbelt for housing is unsound and wholly unacceptable because the brown field sites within the town have not been exhausted. Nor the opportunity to exploit the towns assets to be regenerated for housing, for example just look at mid Manchester generation over the last 20 years. The green belt is there for reasons as defined by the government:

This is extracted the governments National Planning framework.

13. Protecting Green Belt land

133. The government attaches great importance to Green Belts. The fundamental aim of Green Belt policy is to *prevent urban sprawl by keeping land permanently open*; the essential characteristics of Green Belts are their openness and their permanence.

134. Green Belt serves 5 purposes:

- (a) to check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas;**
- (b) to prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another;**
- (c) to assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment;**

(d) to preserve the setting and special character of historic towns; and

(e) to assist in urban regeneration, by encouraging the recycling of derelict and other urban land.

The government states that the *'Green Belt boundaries should only be altered where exceptional circumstances are fully evidenced and justified'*.

The plan doesn't meet the above criteria, it seems that the Greenbelt particularly in the south of Warrington is to be obliterated Destroying the character of the villages and the ecosystem which helps counteract Air Pollution by removing carbon dioxide and other pollutants from Warringtons air. The M56 and M6 junction is one of the busiest motorways in the country and the Greenbelt surrounding it is critical to reducing pollutants and contributing to the urgent climate crisis we are facing. Instead this plan appears to want to contribute further to the air pollution problems we are already facing.

Warrington is surrounded on three sides by some of the busiest motorways in the country and the green belt protects our town from pollutants, urban sprawl, prevents conurbations, preserves the character of our historic villages, never mind the benefits this can bring to the public's health.

There is a growing body of evidence establishing a link between green spaces and a positive impact on human well-being. The green belt is accessed regularly by the people of our town aiding mental health, and allowing free accessible exercise, especially for children. As I write this yet another study from the University of Exeter has studied 20,000 people and concluded that a minimum of 2 hours a week in green space, lowers blood pressure and stress.

Your plan intends to tear this up and replace it with a housing estate. I used to walk around Pewterspear Green but the fields are being built over with yet another housing estate. Do I need to mention the obesity crisis and the resultant pressure on our health services.

The case for releasing the green belt over the regeneration of brown sites and development of the town centre is entirely unjustified and the plan does not satisfy the Governments criteria for the use of green belt.

Please give consideration to the light pollution which can already be seen in Stretton from the M6, in order to see the night skies, you have to use the greenbelt and once again this removes this privilege from our children. The worsening of noise pollution goes without saying we are already plangued with the effects of the a49 which at times can be a standstill on a regular basis, we live more than a mile away from the M56 yet we still here the drone this produces, the developments you propose will obviously make this problem much worse. It appears that you do not want families to live in such areas if you are planning on removing all of the appealing aspects of living in the south of Warrington.

Obviously the pricing of property will be impacted and I am already hearing anecdotal evidence of this within Stretton as people are worried about buying in this area as it will lose its character and the appeal of having the benefits of an accessible town and beautiful countryside. There are not many places with such attributes left within the north-west, let's try and preserve this special place in the south of Warrington.

All of the above issues are appropriate to the 6/56 development, as well:

The infrastructure of Warrington Road is already insufficient for its current population I do not see anything in your plan which allows for a sustainable, green solution before ploughing on and further adding to this problem.

- I am very disappointed that you would once again choose warehousing as an attractive employment prospect for those living in Warrington, it is well known that many of these jobs will be automated within the next 10 years. Why not have some foresight and invest in the technology hub or science Park. Where is the innovation? Instead, you look to provide a hub for the most polluting vehicles and attract them to our borough and the already over crowded motorways, adding to an already untenable situation with regard to gridlock and pollution.
- If green belt land is teared apart, this could set a precedent for the future.
- The Eddie Stobart lorries already add wear and tear to our roads and in recent times they have been using Appleton, Stretton and Stockton as places to train their drivers.
- If the local greenbelt area is removed then it will mean that we will have to get cars and travel to other towns who believe in maintaining the greenbelt. This once again will add to the pollution crisis. Further still, you may even incentivise us to leave and move to somewhere that does value its green assets.
- Additional housing would mean that new schools. Hospitals, doctors etc will be required. Will these require more green belt as well?
- The A49 already acts as a bypass to the motorways during rush hour and accidents effecting the air we breathe, if you build a new link road cutting of the corner of Warrington, this again will provide another motorway bypass.

Given the go-ahead this plan will push the boundaries of Warringtons housing closer to the motorways actively boxing us into one large pollution bowl. How can you progress with such plans without thinking of the effects this will have upon our communities, our children, our families and our futures. This plan is unsound on so many levels please rethink before destroying what is left our green belt.

All of the above demonstrate that the plan is NOT SOUND or DELIVERABLE!

Kind regards

Mr and Mrs Gamer