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Please find below my objection to the local plan

I in no way whatsoever support this plan for the following reasons:

- Building on brownfield sites in the town centre and already built up areas must come first. It's also recently been announced that Fiddlers Ferry will close therefore leaving a massive brownfield site ripe for regeneration. It would be a travesty to churn up greenfield when this has become available.
- You have been unable to demonstrate the special circumstances to which you are choosing to release the greenbelt and seem to ignore the national policy revisions that have been put in place to strengthen the protection of the greenbelt.
- You continue to cite that housing targets set centrally in London but are actually decided locally. The forecast numbers in the peak building years greatly exceed historical figures and are unrealistic. The latest 2016 population growth figures should be the starting point for forecast, not 2014s. Also Brexit will mean a stabilisation of growth numbers.
- 20 years is far too long for a plan. A shorter period would mean fewer houses need to be in the greenbelt.
- Growth forecasts are too optimistic. Current uncertainty that the economy means forecast should be downgraded. It's as if your mind is set on this and reason will fall on deaf ears!
- The Council is placing too much emphasis on logistics and distribution which are becoming increasingly automated generating fewer jobs. I've recently visited an Amazon distribution centre and for the size of the operation the number of physical bodies I encountered was minimal, the scale of robotics in use was phenomenal. The greenbelt taken versus the number of jobs created is disproportionate.
- Look to continue investment in areas such as the Daresbury Science park. The high-value house planned in the south will not be affordable for employees working at the nearby logistic sites but may be if the work was less logistics/warehousing.
- The current plan would mean that these 4+ bedroomed houses would be bought by people outside of the area. More genuinely affordable houses are needed.
- Building on brownfield sites in the town centre must come first. Yes, this is not the easy option, but it is the right option for the town, the people and the environment.
- The Council's vision is for a vibrant town centre surrounded by attractive countryside and distinct settlements. This would wreck Walton, Grappenhall, Appleton Thorn and Stretton.
- The plans from Halton council would merge the 2 towns at Walton when there should be a distinct greenbelt divide between the 2 towns.
- Congestion is already a major problem on roads in the south of the town and at Junction 20 on the M6. Infrastructure must be built before houses, not afterwards. The cost has been underestimated and should be challenged.
- What guarantees are there that developers will contribute to these facilities when they are needed?
- Air pollution is increasingly recognised as a serious health problem. Warrington has a bad record. All the new vehicles will make matters worse.
- Green spaces are good for wellbeing and mental health. Parts of Moore Nature Reserve would be lost. I regularly spend time there with my kids and to have this turned over is a travesty for locals and the environment.

I am not adverse to progress and development but this plan is not deliverable and will cause harm to generations to come. Please do the right thing.

Yours Sincerely  
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