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To: [Local Plan](#)
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Dear Sir/Madam

Having read the information on the Council's proposals, and attended a meeting, I wish to express my concerns as follows:-

1. The loss of 600 acres of Green Belt i.e 11% and green spaces predominantly in south Warrington (not the north!). This loss would affect Appleton, Grappenhall, Stretton, Walton and Moore. Why is the Council not considering a more even distribution across Warrington?
2. The creation of a 'garden suburb and giant warehousing facilities.
3. The lack of clarification on road improvements.
4. Why is the Council not looking at brownfield sites in the town?
5. Have you seriously considered the ecological and environmental impact on the area if the Green Belt is utilised?
6. The proposed 'Garden Suburb' of around 5,000 dwellings in Grappenhall up to 2037 will result in a totally unacceptable loss of Green Belt. What are the '*very special circumstances*' for development of the Green Belt?
7. The threat to part of Moore Nature Reserve is also a serious concern.
8. The additional residential proposals have failed to take into account the increased volume of car traffic, across town, by people commuting to the railway stations.
9. The town does not have the infrastructure to accommodate the Council's plans.
10. The proposed 430 new homes in Lymm is far too many for our village! We have had more than it's fair share of new build in recent years, and in particular the loss of Cotebrook by the building of several detached houses opposite Lymm High School.
11. The Council's plan covers a 20 year period - this is too long and should be for a maximum of 15 years, thus reducing the number of houses in the Green Belt.
12. Building on brownfield sites in the town centre must be a first priority, and not allowing developers to cherrypick green fields.
13. Congestion is already a major problem in the southern area, particularly at junction 20 of the M6 - infrastructure before housing development is essential.
14. The Council's proposed Local Plan is (a) unsound (b) over-ambitious based on unrealistic levels of activity and development at rates which haven't been achieved before (c) doubtful as to its deliverability (d) vague as regards to future roads (e) lack of serious liaison with neighbouring local authorities and (f) potential loss of community spirit in the villages in the south of the area, by increasing the number of residential dwellings.

The Council is asked to seriously reconsider its Plan in its present format, and to take account of the very real concerns that people have. Whilst it is understood that changes have to be made, it should not be detrimental to people and wild life. The use of green spaces by the public has long been recognised as having a beneficial impact, both mentally and physically, and the loss of these spaces would be immense, not only to peoples well-being but also to the character of the town.

I await your response, and trust the Council will take people's objections seriously.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Susan Tomlinson
