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To: [Local Plan](#)
Subject: Fwd: Objection to WBC Proposed Local Plan
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To whom it may concern,

I am writing in relation to the consultation on the 'Proposed Submission Version Local Plan'.

I strongly object to this local plan.

This plan has not been thought out and seems to represent a desire to grow "Warrington" for the sake of growth.

There is no demand for additional housing in the area for local jobs. It is already the case that a large number of the recently built houses are occupied by people who commute into Manchester or Liverpool.

There is therefore no particular logic to increasing the scale of housing in South Warrington simply to grow the commuter village, traffic problems and strain on public services that already exist.

The jobs that are purported to be created from additional warehousing and logistics will be far less than proposed (due to automation over the timeline of the plan). Also the majority of people in the jobs that are created are unlikely to live in the area, preferring to commute from a larger home in lower priced nearby locations, thereby adding further to traffic problems. There is simply no connection between proposed job creation and the housing need in reality ... this appears to be a fiction created for planning purposes only.

I do not believe that there is any meaningful economic strategy for the town which would support needing to build this amount of housing. As such there is no justification for predicting a need for this level of housing in the town.

There is also very little detail on how any of the infrastructure will be funded and managed. The main reason people travel into Warrington from the area is to use public services that have not been invested in more locally. Creating more houses without building local services will simply exacerbate this problem, with people travelling across congestion canal crossings to get to supermarkets, health and leisure facilities.

LPT4 does not have the necessary level of detail to support this level of development and does not give funded public service solutions to the planned increase in population.

The environmental impact of this development also cannot be understated. The loss of Green Belt land for all of Warrington's residents along with increased air, light and noise pollution is catastrophic and will dramatically change the quality of life of all residents. In particular those who travel out of Warrington to the south to appreciate the countryside, be it on bikes or walking will have even further to go to reach true green space. A small park is laughable as a substitute for this. Victoria Park and other such areas already exist which are no substitute for open countryside.

This proposal seems driven by expansion for expansion's sake and will not benefit any of the residents of Warrington. It will simply create additional congestion, pollution, reduce access to green space and increase the commuter demands on the road networks to Manchester and Liverpool (which is where the new home owners will work).

Regards

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