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Subject: Fwd: OBJECTION TO LOCAL PLAN
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I sent this objection yesterday - for clarity and your information my address is : [REDACTED]
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My husband, Steven, also sent in an objection yesterday - his email address is [REDACTED]. For your information his address is also [REDACTED]

Regards

Shirley Hennessey

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From: Shirley Hennessey [REDACTED]
Date: 16/06/2019 10:14 (GMT+00:00)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: OBJECTION TO LOCAL PLAN

Good Morning,

As a life-long resident of Warrington, I wish to register my objection to the Local Plan. I feel very strongly that the Local Plan should be withdrawn immediately, and a full public consultation on a new plan, which reflects the views of the electorate, should be held. I would also welcome an examination of the statistics, facts and figures used by the Council in support of its Local Plan and, for transparency, they should be made public. At the moment the Council's figures vary from my understanding of the estimates for growth required by Government. I outline the main points of my objection below:

- Huge house building schemes - 18,900 houses in Warrington by 2037, much of it on Green Belt land. 7,400 new houses to be built in South Warrington alone. South Warrington has many beautiful villages surrounded by equally beautiful Green Belt land.
- WBC claim that they are following guidelines set by Government on the amount of new houses that have to be built. Apparently, the figures are set by using the 2014 population growth data. It appears from the data that the population grown between 2019 and 2039 will be 21k. So at 2.3 persons per home, that equates to a housing need of 9k. So why have WBC deemed a house build of nearly 19,000? Is it more to do with the Council's obsession with wanting to make Warrington a city? A completely ridiculous aspiration. The Councillors may want Warrington to be a city - but I can assure you there is no appetite for it amongst the electorate. The Secretary of State has stated that the Green Belt should only be used in exceptional circumstances. Building more houses than are needed, is not an exceptional circumstance!
- Overwhelming construction of commercial premises in Appleton Thorn and Grappenhall, again utilising Green Belt land.
- Massive increase in traffic that the building of new houses and commercial premises

will generate.

- Warrington already has a terrible record for pollution and poor air quality and has been identified by the World Health Organisation as one of the worst polluted towns in the country. A massive problem, which to the shame of WBC, should have been addressed years ago. The over-development of our town, can only add to this problem. Theresa May has just committed to net zero UK carbon emissions by 2050. How can Warrington possibly attain this with such growth of development, especially building on Green Belt land? The decimation of green spaces flies in the face of the Government's environmental plan; it states "we will conserve and enhance the beauty of our natural environment and make sure it can be enjoyed, used by and cared for by everyone. We will do this by:
 - safeguarding and enhancing the beauty of our natural scenery and improving its environmental value while being sensitive to considerations of its heritage
 - making sure that there are high quality, accessible, natural spaces close to where people live and work, particularly in urban areas, and encouraging more people to spend time in them to benefit their health and wellbeing.
 - focusing on increasing action to improve the environment for all sectors of society".
- Fiddlers Ferry - the site is designated Brown Field and will be available for development after it closes 2025 - the Local Plan should be amended to include this site, thus saving Green Belt land being utilised.
- Lack of infrastructure - Warrington is already in need of a huge enhancement to its infrastructure for its current residents (let alone the addition of occupants of nearly 19,000 new dwellings) - our roads cannot meet the ever increasing traffic needs; traffic jams are a daily frustrating occurrence; when there is an accident on the M6, the whole town grinds to a stand-still. Schools and doctors' surgeries are over-subscribed, our hospital has huge waiting lists and a real shortage of beds. Warrington is a riparian town, and as such has real problems with traffic; our roads and bridges were not designed to accommodate such a huge population, a further 19,000 dwellings and the increase in population that would bring would be catastrophic and is just not sustainable.

Regards

Shirley Hennessey