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I object to this on several grounds.

1. Conservative Central Government may be wedded to economic growth but they also (apparently) want to reduce net migration to below 100,000 per annum. So far, and they have had a few years now, they have failed dismally. Less immigration = less population growth = less need for more houses & new workplaces. I think central government should be challenged very hard on this before merely accepting their terms.
2. Green belt should be protected at all costs. Once it's gone, it's gone. There is absolutely nothing sustainable about building on green fields. Let's be clear about that.
3. Infrastructure. Anybody living in Warrington knows the surrounding motorway network is frequently jammed. One accident & it's chaos. And this happens very frequently. To add 20k more houses to this, with additional HGVs from the likes of Six56 is clearly madness.
4. Ageing population. Central government need to radically rethink this "problem". As we are living longer than ever before, older people need to work for longer than they did in the past, in sedentary occupations; younger people need to occupy the more physically demanding, manual jobs & trades. And we need to rely less on economic migrants.
5. Development south of the Manchester Ship Canal. Unless WBC are proposing the Canal be filled in, again, it would be crazy to develop en masse south of it. 3 Victorian on/off barriers to the rest of the town.
6. If, after all the above is noted & ignored, why can't brownfield be simply built on higher? Apartments built close to the centre are close to the main rail/bus hubs etc thus in theory reducing the need for car use.
7. Given the dire state of Warrington town centre, and the rise of online shopping meaning there is unlikely to be a return to its halcyon days of retail, I also would suggest coercing all remaining businesses in and around periphery of the centre to move right into the centre itself wherever possible, thus freeing up more land/buildings for conversion to residential use around the inner core and lessening the need to dig up green belt.

Thanks.

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