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To: [Local Plan](#)
Subject: Objection to the Local Plan
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Good afternoon,

I am writing as a Warrington resident to voice my objection to the Local Plan as it is not in the interest of Warrington residents and it is not what the thriving town of Warrington needs.

My objections include the following main key areas of concern:-

1. Justification for the Local Plan - there is absolutely no justification or evidence to support the predicted growth in housing need in Warrington. The housing market in Warrington is healthy, there are no areas where there are people struggling to move into, and there is absolutely loads of rental properties empty.
2. Soundness of the plan - from what I can see there are flaws and weaknesses throughout the plan which do not withstand the queries from Warrington residents.
3. Logistical Issues - there is a frankly staggering lack of detail in the Local Plan and supplied about the huge multi-million pound infrastructure projects. When asked at a local residents briefing session with WBC, counsellors responded that the planning hasn't reached the point where they are reviewing the road infrastructure, which is possibly the most ludicrous thing I have ever heard. Basically, are WBC saying that Warrington residents, who already pay high levels of council tax for the privilege of living in a busy town, and who already suffer from the insufficient road infrastructure will have to endure further traffic hold ups, from more traffic from new houses being built, without sufficient roads built to support them? There is already severe congestions through the town, recently made worse by the decision to toll the Runcorn bridge, forcing traffic to travel through Warrington to cross the Mersey/Ship Canal and avoid the toll prices.
4. Deliverability - again, the plans display a shocking level of details and frankly weak, flimsy and ill thought out planning.

The Local Plan does not meet four of the criteria required for releasing Green Belt - to check the unrestricted sprawl of large built up areas, to assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment, to preserve the setting and special character of historic towns and to assist in the urban regeneration, by encouraging the recycling of derelict and other urban land.

It was to most residents' horror to hear that WBC were intending to 'release Green Belt', a term which strikes fear into most rational people. There should be no reason to build on our rapidly shrinking green belt areas, especially when the town is already so built up and air pollution is becoming more of a problem each year. The plans go against recent recommendations from the independent Committee on Climate Change which states the UK are looking to fight against climate change by cutting greenhouse gasses to nearly zero by 2050. To achieve this, the UK will need to plant billions of trees AND NOT cut down existing ones and build on green belt areas. There are other areas available for development on the outskirts of Warrington which would not mean building on green belt. As a parent, it is my duty to help preserve our beautiful countryside in and around Warrington for my children to enjoy now and in the future.

I have been a resident of Warrington for almost [REDACTED] years; I am bringing up a young family in an increasingly built up area, the family has experienced increased levels of asthma over the last 10 years which in part is due to increased pollution in the town. In the years I have been a resident, I have seen reduced green belt, less open park spaces, such as Birchwood Forest Park, more housing and yet no new roads to support the new developments.

Surely before the building of any new houses are to be considered, the issues of Warrington's road infrastructure need to be addressed as a matter of urgency first? Warrington roads are at crisis point and we are rapidly heading towards a complete gridlock of roads. It is the duty of WBC to address the road issues immediately, rather than planning more building to add more strain to the already

overloaded roads.

Please can you respond to confirm my objection has been raised against the Local Plan and recorded, and please advise if there is anything further you require from me?

Kind regards,

Mrs Jeanette Allen

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