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Local Plan

Thank you for your letter of the 26th March in which you ask to hear views on the local plan.

The ENORMOUS Garden Suburb as proposed in the local plan will change the character of the South Warrington area for ever. This unacceptable proposal is to remove beautiful farm land from the green belt and cover it with unnecessary developments of brick, concrete and tarmac. This development will adversely affect the villages of Appleton, Appleton Thorn, Grappenhall, Walton, Stretton and Moore. These villages are currently separated by farmers' fields and the proposed development will join all these villages into one sprawling mass of suburbia without a definition, destroying the heritage and individual character of a very special local area, which is respected and enjoyed by many people.

The thousands of houses you wish to construct will attract buyers from outside Warrington who are looking for a cheaper area in which to live. They will not be employed in Warrington and will certainly use the nearby motorway junctions to commute to Manchester, Liverpool, Chester and other local employment areas where housing is considerably more expensive. Vehicle emissions are something which needs to be considered as I understand Warrington has been named and shamed by the World Health Organisation for breaching the air pollution safety levels. This proposed development will definitely congest the area with cars and wagons increasing the air pollution to an even more unacceptable level in Warrington.

I understand that part of your plan is to develop an industrial estate of warehouses. This is also unnecessary as there are a number of areas in Warrington already offering warehouse space with availability. From an employment point of view modern warehouses are controlled by robots and require fewer people to work there. So warehousing does not create sustainable jobs.

Warrington needs to develop the town centre where there is already a transport system of buses and trains within walking distance. Encouraging people to live in the town centre will regenerate an unloved centre with shops and cafes / restaurants which will be frequented by local people who walk between locations. This will give Warrington a much needed focal point and cut out the urban sprawl you are planning. The brown field spaces which are currently available for development should be used for high rise developments but not just square boring standard buildings. Warrington should approach internationally accredited architects to design special and attractive buildings of which Warrington will be proud. These special and different buildings would then give Warrington a unique selling point to attract attention as a 'go ahead' interesting place to visit.

We need to be protecting our natural environment not destroying it. The impact this proposal will have is detrimental on the people who already live with the greenbelt next door.

I ask you to reconsider your plans

Kind regards,
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