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I would like to record our disagreement with the proposed local plan.

Whilst appreciating that there is a government requirement for a 20 year plan, the current plan unnecessarily exceeds government housing targets.

The plan also allows for premature release of green belt land which should not be released until brown field sites have been developed and only then is there is a proven need for additional development, at present the future needs are only speculative.

Any release should be carefully phased to match proven demand and benefits to Warrington residents rather than allowing developers the pick of prime sites in the short term simply because the land may possibly be required in 15-20 years time.

Traffic congestion is already a major problem for Warrington and combined with poor air quality in the area (WHO Air Quality Database 2018) raises serious concerns about the aggressive growth plans proposed within the plan.

There seems little justification for such a large scale expansion of the town which has already seen substantial growth and change under the New Town auspices and further development should be for the benefit of residents rather than developers.

The plan does not sufficiently address the special circumstances required for release of green belt particularly in South Warrington where large areas are to be released for housing and employment areas, with the employment area being proposed logistics it is highly likely that many of the jobs will be filled by people from outside the area adding substantially to traffic congestion and pollution and being of little benefit to local residents.

In summary we consider the plan to be far too aggressive with widespread flaws and weaknesses throughout, the local plan should be to the benefit of residents for the sustainable future of the town, residents have no desire to be the fastest growing town in the North West at the expense of air quality and general quality of life with gridlocked traffic and loss of valuable green belt space.

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