



**Subject:** Local Plan for Warrington - some comments.  
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Hello,

Please see below my comments regarding the Warrington local plan.

The **Plan Period** is too long - it should be for 15 years not 20.

The **growth forecasts**, especially considering the current political climate in this country, are too optimistic, and as a result the forecasts should be downgraded.

The latest population growth figures from **2016** should be used when considering **housing numbers**, NOT the 2014 figures.

The council should stop planning high value houses in the south of the borough that will be unaffordable to many local residents. The impression is that the council is only concerned with the revenue it can earn from higher council taxes, rather than building houses that are needed for the residents of Warrington. **More genuinely affordable** houses are needed.

The council should prioritize building on **brownfield sites** over green belt. This has a twofold impact, by redeveloping sites that are in disrepair and disuse, and by maintaining the green spaces for all, which will surely become more important in the future.

The council is placing **too much importance** on distribution and logistics centres. These do not generate many jobs, and indeed, as automation improves, will likely create less jobs and more redundancies. They also are **environmentally unfriendly** from both a pollution and noise perspective, and will lead to health issues among Warrington residents in the future.

Warrington does **NOT** have the transport infrastructure to support the growth that is planned. Any growth should be linked to transport infrastructure improvements, and these should happen **BEFORE** houses are built.

**Healthcare and education facilities are already at breaking point**, with more houses already being added. The council need to ensure that any development that takes place also includes additional health facilities for all, and additional schools.

**Air pollution is already poor in parts of Warrington**, and this is now incontrovertibly linked to health issues and early deaths. Adding additional vehicles, especially LGVs at logistics and distribution centres, heavier traffic and traffic jams, will only make the current bad situation **worse**.

Lymm has far too many houses planned for it, with the existing infrastructure that exists. There are already traffic jams in the mornings and evenings on Rushgreen Road, [redacted] traffic levels have increased significantly.

The addition of 200 houses at Tanyard Farm will add significant traffic to an infrastructure that is already struggling, will bring more pupils to schools that are already oversubscribed, and more patients to doctors that are full. As an example - I need to see a doctor, and I need to wait more than three weeks to do so at current levels. This is NOT going to improve. The additional houses planned for Lymm will make the situation worse, and the whole character of Lymm as a village will be destroyed. People live here because Lymm, whilst the size of a small town, retains its character as a village. If this get destroyed by the councils greed to increase council tax revenues, and funds from developers, history will record this as the appalling situation that it is.

There are many other parts of Warrington that would benefit from more housing. Lymm will not.

Regards,

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