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To whom it may concern, in the below points, I explain why I believe the council's plan is NOT SOUND and will destroy South Warrington.

While I appreciate the need for additional housing, the numbers proposed for south Warrington are simply too high and undeliverable within the current environment. It seems ridiculous to build all the required new housing in one area.

Green belt should stay as green belt, there is simply no justification for releasing the green belt. The council may have an ambition for Warrington to grow, but that is a view held by very few people. We live in a democratic, civilised society and I believe you will see from the number of objections that the desire to grow Warrington is NOT one shared by the majority of people who actually live here. One green belt is gone, it is gone forever.

Why is the plan for 20 years? This is too long, most plans are for 15 years. Surely it would be better to plan for 15 years, preserve green belt, and then consider future development?

The present infrastructure within the area, primarily the highways and canal crossings, are currently insufficient to support further development. Routes over the canals are currently congested, and that is without building more houses. The motorway junctions and associated roads are also at near capacity at peak times. Any plan for new housing must be accompanied by a plan to update the local transport infrastructure BEFORE housing work starts - there is also no plan as to how the infrastructure investment required will be funded.

The additional road traffic from the extra houses and business will bring air pollution. The council has NOT provided any indication of how they plan to manage or mitigate the extra pollution.

The council has NOT provided a commitment to build the necessary schools and medical centres to support these extra houses. Development of these services must be built ALONGSIDE the new housing, or the impact on current residents will be severe.

South Warrington is currently a beautiful area; the new housing built previously was done at a moderate level, with care and sensitivity to preserve the green spaces and ensure an open, healthy environment. Some 15-20 years later, this ethos and care and concern seems totally absent from the council's proposals.

I believe these proposals are unrealistic and undeliverable considering prior development in the area. The currently poor infrastructure is unable to support such a plan.

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