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Dear Sir/Madam

As a resident of Warrington all my life I am very concerned that the local plan being proposed by Warrington borough council is badly thought out and does not benefit the people of Warrington. It is a plan which only benefits developers, at the cost of our precious green belt land. I ask the council to scrap the plan and start to listen to the concerns of the people of Warrington instead of ignoring our concerns. I feel the plan being proposed is not sound or deliverable for the following reasons.

- 1-The loss of green belt in the plan is not justified as it does not present any exceptional circumstances needed for permission to be granted to develop green belt land. There is no need to develop land which will result in unchecked housing sprawl destroying the unique character and landscape of the villages in Warrington. No immediate case can be made for the release of land from the green belt before all brownfield sites have first been developed.
- 2-None of the infrastructure proposed in the plan if funded with public money and it is not detailed in the plan where the money is coming from. It is just a wish list from the council which has no substance. There is no detail of schools or healthcare provision, how it will be funded or when in the plan it will be built.
- 3-The planned number of homes being proposed by the council is well above government housing targets, although the council states it is being forced by the government to build this amount of homes. This would suggest the council is trying to mislead the people of Warrington who they are supposed to represent. A plan should be made with realistic growth forecasts for our town which will result in less development and the preservation of our green belt land.
- 4-The employment land being proposed by the council to be released from the green belt does not present any exceptional circumstances and is not backed up by any meaningful economic strategy. Warrington borough council also has close links with the developers who want to turn the green belt into employment land so has a vested interest in these developments, this also creates a conflict of interest which should also be investigated further.
- 5-Warrington already has some of the worst air pollution in the country. Unnecessary over development and the removal of green spaces will only make Warrington's air quality much worse. This will also add to the problem of climate change which the government has promised to take measures to rectify.
- 6-The plan will have a detrimental effect on the local wildlife as it will destroy much of their habitat and destroy the bio diversity of the green open spaces at threat of being decimated unnecessarily.
- 7-Warrington's motorway junctions are already congested and operating at capacity, the people of Warrington do not want any unnecessary extra cars and traffic. While we accept some development is required in our town we would ask that development and extra vehicles on our roads are kept to a minimum.

It is for all the above reasons stated that I feel the local plan for Warrington is not sound or deliverable and should be scrapped for a plan that the people of Warrington can be happy with as it is our town and our wishes should be taken into consideration, not ignored as they have been previously by the council who are supposed to represent us.

Regards

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