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I write to object to the Local Plan on the following grounds:

1. Criteria for release of Green Belt not met:

The plan will not:

- check unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas
- safeguard countryside from encroachment
- preserve the special character of our historic townships and conservation areas
- assist urban re-generation by re-cycling derelict or urban sites

The proposed development of South Warrington as a Garden Suburb is unacceptable given the land bank already earmarked for development under earlier local plans which would meet the targets set under the current proposals

The warehousing proposals and employment sites for the M6/56 will be a blot on the South Warrington skyline and damage historic sites

Building over Green Belt will add to the problems of flooding in the Mersey valley as the record of the Council and utilities services in maintaining drainage infrastructure is poor, further exacerbated by reduced government funding and investment

We forget at our peril that Green Belt is central to our national food security and that South Warrington has some of the best quality agricultural land in Cheshire for cereals and meat production

2. Logistical Issues

There has been no sound assessment of the impact that increased traffic will have within and around Warrington. Peripheral link roads will not reduce congestion that is inherent in Warrington's location and poor infrastructure for crossing rivers and the Manchester Ship Canal. The pinch points will remain and the increasing volume of traffic through town when the motorways are blocked will add to the problems of air, noise and light pollution

There is a limit to how much lorry traffic can be permitted given the Victorian bridges and lax approach of Peel Holdings to their corrosion management

3. Deliverability

The Local Plan lacks detail on funding for road and community infrastructure

Nationally, the services for education and health are in crisis due to lack of funding, regulation and careers in teaching, medicine and social care are becoming less attractive. Warrington will be subject to these pressures and cannot assume developers and other agencies will be able to deliver on their paper promises for community infrastructure

4. Soundness

The Local Plan has not demonstrated a sound understanding of:

- where funding for the range of proposed developments is coming from
- the impact of increasing automation on employment and economic growth
- the need for a coherent transport plan
- the need to measure all factors influencing air quality and its impact on health

In conclusion, I object to the current Local Plan on the grounds that:

- the release of Green Belt (and safeguarding it for later development) is not justified
- serious logistical issues have not been satisfactorily addressed
- the aspirations for road and community infrastructure are not deliverable
- the plan is not sound

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