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I wish to strongly object to the Local Plan for the following reasons.

Housing figures: These are a gross overestimate of what will be needed, well beyond Government targets. The population increase will be 13% the majority over 65 years old not requiring large houses and employment.

Economic growth: Predictions based on excessive and unrealistic rates of development. The figures have been produced by those with a vested interest, such as the LEP, Local Enterprise Partnership.
Warehouse Distribution is becoming more automated and jobs are poorly paid. Warrington should be attracting more skilled workers in areas such Finance, Legal work and Marketing.

Infrastructure: Car travel is the choice of over 80% of people in Warrington and our roads are over capacity. At peak times there is serious congestion within the borough which is not being addressed. A proper Traffic Assessment has not been

done.

Proposed projects have no detail or information on funding.
There are no detailed proposals to upgrade our river and canal crossings.
Health, education and local amenities also have no detail or funding information.

Air Quality: Warrington is at the top of the WHO list with the Worst air in the UK. Concentration of the pollutant PM2.5 at 14 micrograms per cubic meter (UK average 9.6) This poses a serious risk to health. The pollutant consists of particulate matter from combustion of car engines, and is fine enough to enter the lungs and blood stream. Currently the M6 and M56 are stationary Every day at peak times and traffic is unable to cross the A50 roundabout with traffic queuing to Grappenhall A50 and Appleton Thorn B5356. Stop/start traffic through Stockton Heath and Latchford pollutes our air.
Introducing further cars and HGVs onto our overcrowded roads is unacceptable. The Environmental Protection Supplementary Planning Document of May 2013 states that Development must not lead to an adverse impact on Air Quality.

Green Belt: The environmental and ecological impact of the loss of Green Belt on the scale proposed by the Plan has not been properly assessed and is therefore unjustified. The Green Belt was described as strong or weak by ARUP who are business partners of Peel Holdings thereby showing a vested interest and these comments should be disregarded. It is just Green Belt. Most of it is Grade 2 farmland in agricultural use. Post Brexit we will need this food supply.
Warrington Green Belt fulfils the important role of ensuring the separation from neighbouring towns and preventing Urban Sprawl to destroy the unique character of our Villages. It was only confirmed 5 years ago for the next 20 years. National Planning Policy Framework 2019 states Green Belt Boundaries should only be altered in exceptional circumstances. Lining the pockets of Housebuilders , and increasing Council Tax from expensive properties does Not count.

Brownfield sites: The regeneration of the Town Centre is to be applauded. I recently walked down Bridge St and was appalled that the beautiful old buildings are now all Pubs and fast food takeaways. There are sufficient Brownfield sites to support a more realistic housing figure and these sites should be used first. If the Plan length is reduced, more Brownfield will become available as retail units become empty due to people shopping at outlets such as the Trafford Centre. A large site at Fiddlers Ferry will become available when decommissioned.

Conclusion: This Local Plan is unsound , unjustified and undeliverable.

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