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I am unhappy with the current Warrington draft local plan for the following reasons:

#### Greenbelt:

- the majority of identified areas of greenbelt lie to the south of Warrington impacting adversely upon the villages of Appleton, Grappenhall, Stretton, Walton and Moore.
- the existing greenbelt boundary was only confirmed 5 years ago and was supposed to be good for 20 years?
- the impact upon local flora and fauna through the loss of greenbelt land.

#### Housing:

- the target number of homes appears to be based upon projections made in 2014 rather than the more recent ones produced in 2016 which appear to show less housing need.

#### Infrastructure:

- the local road network is already under stress, especially at rush hours, when road maintenance is undertaken and especially when problems occur on the motorway. There is little indication as to how this situation will be addressed satisfactorily with a further increase in the volume of traffic resulting from the proposed new housing. There appears to be no planned alternative route into Warrington from the south east and a continuation of the use of three existing, ageing swing bridges.
- the proposed dual carriageway from Barley Castle industrial estate to J10 of the M56 appears to exit onto an already busy A49. Traffic is regularly at a standstill from 8.00am on weekdays feeding back from J10, to the traffic lights at the Cat & Lion, Stretton and beyond on the A49.

#### Congestion & air pollution:

- the recent United Nations summit on climate change challenges air quality; the resulting increase in traffic will do nothing to alleviate this issue in already congested areas such as Stockton Heath and Warrington itself without alternative routes/bridges.

#### Economic growth:

- prospective residents may be attracted to this area to live, but they are more likely to continue to commute to the surrounding cities of Manchester and Liverpool for work and leisure.

I hope that these points will be given due consideration.

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