

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Local Plan](#)
Subject: Objections to the Local Plan
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To whom it may concern,

Over the past year or so we have read, with great concern, the details surrounding the so called "local plan" for Warrington.

We believe this plan has no foundation whatsoever. Warrington Borough Council must consider the following points, and the people and town that they actually represent:

1) Government housing numbers are not set in stone, nor are they a target. You should be arguing and making a point for lower numbers. She

Re will all these people from if you build excessively, particularly on our beautiful green belt.

2) Why is the plan period 20 years? Reduced numbers would mean a reduced period of time. No one can predict what will happen in 12 months time, let alone 20! Starting with a lower period would be the sensible option.

3) There is plenty of brown field land in Warrington. Why is the council not taking this course of action, thus helping to preserve our precious green belt? Warrington town centre is fast becoming a forgotten area, with shops closing. Regenerate this area and you will see an immediate upturn in reduced traffic on our already congested roads, with workers able to walk to their place of work. There are also a number of run down areas and derelict land in close proximity. They are an eyesore and you could make so much use of this neglected land. Make the Town Centre a place that people would actually like to live and spend time in.

4) Warrington's infrastructure is shocking. Our roads are heavily congested, we have a hospital creaking under the pressure of numbers, schools over subscribed and under funded. We are destroying the very fabric of daily life in this town. Having motorway links around the town maybe fine for commuters, but the noise and air pollution caused by excessive numbers of HGVs trundling along our crowded roads is without doubt impairing the quality of life for residents. Adding the proposed number of houses in this unfounded plan will gridlock the South and Centre of our town.

5) We live in [REDACTED] and have been fortunate enough to have brought up our children in a safe and clean environment. We also have this hope for our 4 grandchildren. Sadly, we fear for their future, when this plan aims to tear up large swathes of green belt. Where will we be able to walk without fear of noise and traffic? Replacing green fields and trees with huge housing developments. Destroying the beautiful environment for future generations. We already have "rat runs" in and around our villages with vehicles streaming to and from the motorways at excessive speed.

Why on earth do we need a "so called garden suburb" when it will actually be covered in concrete? Who in Warrington actually wants "City" status? I would suggest it is only our council and developers and not the people of Warrington, to whom you answer. Please do not forget that.

Think about your constituents, think about our children and grandchildren, think about our green space, think about our health, think about the environment, and think about our identity. Without all of this you will destroy the future of our town.

Yours Sincerely,
Stephen and Elizabeth Cowap

Sent from my iPad