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Dear Sirs,

Having read the Warrington Council development plan we are writing to express our heartfelt objections to the Garden City Suburb option based on the following concerns:

- 1) It will have a devastating and irreversable impact on the precious green belt land and unspoilt Cheshire countryside.

- 2) It will cause destruction and damage to wildlife, and will detract from the tourism to Cheshire, as well as the health and well being of the many people (not just locals) who currently enjoy walking,cycling, horseriding, running, bird watching etc along peaceful traffic free lanes such as Stockton Lane(which the plan proposes to turn into a new bus route).and parts of the transpennine trail (which the plan proposes to turn into a dual carriage way).

- 3) The proposed development will irrevocably change the character of both the landscape and the existing villages of Grappenhall and AppletonThorn and will negatively and unfairly impact on quality of life and house values of the people who live there.

- 5) Following the example of other successful growing cities in Europe, we should look at protecting green spaces as one of the key attractions to living here and building in ways that does not affect this e.g.apartment buildings in the town centre, redeveloping empty industrial sites such as the Fiddler Ferry site, or improving public transport systems so areas are linked more effectively and can link areas where further housing does not sacrifice the wildlife.

- 6)The road infrastructure is already heavily loaded in South Warrington, and traffic jams are a regular nuisance here due to motorway traffic being diverted through Warrington when the Thelwall viaduct is shut, and the congestions caused by the regular opening of the swing bridges at Latchford, Stockton Heath and Walton . The proposed addition of new roads which feed directly into these, already very strained roads, and housing which increases the burden of traffic to known problem spots such as the Lumb Brook bridge and the cantilever is undoubtedly ill-thought out, and illogical.

Whilst we appreciate that providing for future economic development and housing is essential we strongly urge the council to reconsider the less environmentally and socially damaging options again.

Yours faithfully

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