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Dear Planning Policy and Programmes Department of WBC,

I am writing to object to the council's plans for new housing in the town and future plans to become a city and build the Warrington garden suburb along the A50 at the Lymm Interchange.

My first complaint is the online questionnaire that was designed to enable residents to make comments on the proposal; it is onerous, difficult to understand and likely to put residents off the process of making their opinions known. It also asks questions which the average resident of the town is unlikely to have any information concerning.

There are many reasons why I object to the current PDO, but I summarise the main elements below:

- I do not want the area to become a city; I moved here from Manchester [REDACTED] years ago due to its particular attributes: semi-rural yet within close proximity to a network of motorways and Liverpool, Manchester and Chester city centres.
- I believe that the numbers on which the PDO are based are erroneous, they do not take account of population sizes following the Brexit data and therefore overstate the number of houses required in the area.
- Warrington already has significant traffic congestion at present every time that a problem occurs on any of the motorways, without adding 24,000 new homes and an industrial area which would attract more commuters and lorries to the already grid-locked area.
- The plans for new housebuild are too reliant on greenbelt sites without looking at redevelopment of existing or imminent brownfield sites (Fiddlers Ferry decommissioning is imminent)
- The houses planned will be too expensive for the majority of the local workforce and will therefore increase traffic flows to the city surrounds of Liverpool/Manchester etc and therefore the regions roads will be further congested.

There are many other considerations including pressure on other areas of infrastructure such as schools, hospitals, police and fire services. In addition there will be increased pollution due to the traffic and an environmental impact of removal of the natural drainage provided by greenbelt land. (There are areas in the community which are regularly flooded during the course of the year.)

Please therefore reconsider this proposal in light of the views of many in the region.

Yours sincerely,

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