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Dear Sir/Madam

I would like to share my thoughts re your proposed development plans for Warrington and South Warrington in particular:

1. Warrington has been named and shamed by the World Health Organisation (WHO) as the second worst place in the North West for breaching safety levels for air pollution. Yet you want to build 24,000 new houses and create more roads. How are you going to keep air pollution levels down??
2. The building is heavily weighted to the south why? (Money????) There are other potential sites such as Fiddlers Ferry which will surely be decommissioned in the coming years. The m62 corridor would be an obvious choice. Could the building work and development not be shared around?
3. You say in your objectives you want to maintain the character of warrington yet you are trebling the size of Stretton and other areas. I visit Milton Keynes a so-called 'garden city'and it is soulless with old villages having been engulfed. We if you go ahead with this will loose the character of South Warrington forever.
4. The new 'strategic transport'link roads and housing/employment development will destroy precious green belt land and the very much used transpennine trail. Many people have moved to south warrington for the countryside. We love the green space. Animals also depend on the countryside. We regularly see bats and birds of prey in Stretton. With your plans this will be lost forever. Surely, you need to exhaust all brown field sites first!
5. Noise pollution. Many of us already hear the M56 and now you want to add more road traffic.
6. How have you come to your figures?? Your data seems to be pre brexit? Have you considered brexit implications? Your figures a couple of years ago did not come up with the need for 24,000 houses. So why this number?? Your plan also looks at 20 years when it doesn't need to go this far ahead. Surely, the current economic climate calls for restraint. Data published just this week shows that housing sales are falling, construction is slowing and this is because of the uncertainty of brexit.
7. We need a new hospital it is falling apart and cannot cope as it is. It is already up to capacity. This should be a priority. We have experience of it in its current state as our son is severely disabled how is it going to cope with 24000 new homes?? You do not mention this.
8. With the opening up of the new toll road in Runcorn surely your new strategic transport roads will become congested. Warrington is already creaking and is so often gridlocked. It only takes a crash on the m6 / m56 and warrington is gridlocked. Also What will happen in north warrington with all this extra traffic from the south?? How will Stockton Heath cope it is already busy.
9. October 2016 quote from Warrington Borough Council's executive board member for environment, Cllr Judith Guthrie, said: "Warrington's Local Plan is an important document, which will guide our development over the next 20 years. We have to ensure that we have a plan which can drive our borough forward despite the difficult economic

climate and deliver our priorities for growth.

“What’s equally important is that we take on-board the views of local people. It’s vital that they are involved in the development of the plan and have the opportunity to help us set out the way forward and identify specific sites for development. We want our Local Plan to be as inclusive as possible, so it will be important for people to fully engage in the process.”

I would argue that you have been far from inclusive. Your consultation has been appalling. The people of Warrington should have all been informed by letter and invited to your consultation. Why also was it held over the school holidays?

10 Why are you pushing for Warrington to become a city?? We are too close to Liverpool and Manchester. The vast majority of residents don't want to live in a city!! We would live in Liverpool or Manchester. Why don't you concentrate on making us a fantastic town!

11. From a personal point of view. Your plans have meant sleepless nights and huge uncertainty for a lot of people. House sales are already falling through. I moved to Stretton for a quiet semi rural life

[REDACTED] We are now looking at 20 years [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] of uncertainty and disruption!

Please take peoples thoughts and opinions seriously

Yours Sincerely [REDACTED]