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Dear Sirs,

I feel compelled to contact you regarding the recently published Development Plan (PDO). I wish to state my very strong objection the PDO for the following reasons:

Loss of Green Belt. The land in the area is already under productive agricultural use and the loss of such a large amount of green belt is totally unjustifiable.

Traffic Impact. The proposal to build such a large development like the “Garden City Suburb” appears to take little or no regard for the unique problems facing the road infrastructure on the area, the Ship Canal forms a very significant barrier between this area of South Warrington and the Town Centre. There should be no further large scale building in the area without first addressing the requirement for at least one new crossing of the ship canal (the scale of development proposed would necessitate at least two new crossing points). At present the only major route across the Ship Canal is via the A49 in Stockton Heath, this is already heavily congested at all as the councils own traffic survey identifies, resulting in unsafe levels of use of such “rat-runs” as Lumb Brook Bridge and the Cantilever Bridge and Red Lane. The lack of adequate road links to Warrington Town Centre would result in a disconnect from the major shopping, leisure and rail transport facilities and mean the development would never be part of Warrington.

“City” status. I along with many others do believe that the majority of Warrington residents want this status. It is merely a political aspiration and unjustified given the proximity of two major cities in Liverpool and Manchester. There would be unbroken urban sprawl along the entire Mersey Valley with the loss of significant wildlife habitat and green spaces.

I recognise the need for further development within the borough but trust the council will reconsider this ill-conceived plan and produce something more equitable and suitable to the needs of the whole town.

Yours

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