

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Local Plan](#)
Subject: Warrington's new local plan - Objection
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Dear Sir,

I have reviewed the revised Warrington local plan and wish to strongly object.

The rationale for the plan is lacking and it does not serve the voice of the community whereby our chosen semi rural landscape is being decimated without justification. It is going to destroy the character and nature of our villages. No plans show a responsive approach to community "wants" There is no vision built in consultation with the voice of local people.

To present plans without sound justification for projected growth and specific rationale greater than bailing out council budget deficits leads to mistrust and disassociation.

The diagrams appear deliberately vague to be able to simply associate where the building work is planned vs key landmarks and at my viewing was a plural topic of conversation "perhaps to deliberately confuse". The plans lack necessary supporting facilities for the growth rates being put forward such as the new hospital, emergency services, roadways and community facilities is distorting impact and undermines its credibility. Without growth in public services the impact on our communities will be significantly bad.

There is no justification for the scale of greenbelt impacted when alternative brown belt sites are available. Our PM Boris Johnson committed to protecting out greenbelt. Our town centre would be better to be redeveloped for first time housing as the shopping areas are not sustainable and this would be a little more expensive but less damaging to our environment.

The types of houses are not in keeping with the area and the scale of intended industry, shown in the employment land, is going to be elevated such that it will be an eye saw across the South of Warrington when people moved here to live in a green, healthier area. The jobs expected are unlikely to be sourced from the local community and then will lead to more traffic as people take up the jobs from alternative areas. Traffic solutions are vague in the plans particularly at the Manchester Ship Canal. Housing cannot move at a different pace to the road solutions or a tramway without gridlocking an already temperamental area.

The developments are in a known traffic hotspot. All of which will with the consequence of green land removal will lead to traffic congestion and add to pollution, asthma already at a high in Warrington. Drainage will suffer and with climate concerns this is essential to our town.

Benefits claimed are unsubstantiated with the "how" this will be achieved.

I would ask you to reconsider a greener approach to lesson the impact on the greenbelt land and not to move forward without transparency on the supporting services as this plan is unsustainable and misleading without the broader picture. The world is changing and Warrington already has too many empty retail park buildings, a town centre declining and a history over overspend. Let this not be the next plan to fail the community it serves!!!

I reiterate that I do not believe this is a good plan and would not wish for it to be taken forward in my name.

Kind regards

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