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Hi,

I wish to object to the local plan for the following reasons:

1. Estimation of housing need is massively overstated

In light of the fact that Covid has killed over 121,000 people in the UK and the full effects of the pandemic are still unknown I do not think we should be using pre-Covid figures to estimate Warrington's future housing needs.

Deaths in Warrington will have freed up housing stock and with the reduced use of office space and the failure of businesses which is happening there will be an increase in the amount of space available for housing without pillaging the greenbelt.

2. The current public transport system does not work

This can be evidenced from the recent fire on the M6 which meant that I personally witnessed queuing traffic on Knutsford Road from 8 am (when I left my house) in the morning which was there all day until 7,8pm at night. This includes heavy freight vehicles etc. I would hate to think what the air quality round my house was like that day.

The bus service in Warrington is laughable. The school bus service which parents pay over £400 a year per child for, is consistently late or does not arrive. This is the better part of the bus service as at least buses are scheduled to get the kids to school on time. My friend's son cannot get a bus from Grappenhall to Lymm that will get him to work on time.

The plan does not give any concrete plans on transport and without this the full impact of the plans cannot be measured. Vague descriptions will not translate into road developments. There are still several areas in Stockton Heath where houses were compulsory purchased to make way for road developments that didn't happen. Warrington is already grid locked as the recent fire on the M6 showed. We cannot take any further developments without a comprehensive infrastructure for transport and the funding this requires.

3. Brownfield sites are not being fully utilised

I was under the impression that brownfield sites needed to be used first and that the green belt needed to have exceptional circumstances before it could be built upon. Building extra housing based on out of date figures does not count as exceptional circumstances.

4. The extra housing will destroy the individual characters of the villages

Looking at the plans, the villages of Grappenhall, Stockton Heath and Appleton will practically merge making the area more like the suburbs of Manchester than the town of Warrington. This will destroy the individual characters of these villages.

The residents do not want to live in a city with all the related congestion, noise and poor air quality that this usually entails. Indeed, many of the residents of Warrington have moved out of the cities of Manchester or Liverpool as they wanted to live in a village or town.

5. The warehousing proposed will only increase travel (by car) across Warrington

The types of jobs which will be created by the warehousing are unlikely to be filled by the residents living nearby (given the cost of the housing and the salary needed to live there) so the minimal jobs that will be created will attract further traffic as the employees travel across town to get there.

6. The new homes proposed will lead to further car usage

The new homes are too far from the town's railway stations to enable the residents to walk or cycle there and the bus services are expensive and practically non-existent. This will increase car usage as residents travel through town to catch a train into Manchester or Liverpool or increase

traffic on the M6 and M56 which will again increase air pollution.

This model does not fit with the UK's Climate Change aspirations.

7. Lack of adequate (and concrete) provision of services

The plans indicate some new schools but don't elaborate on what type of schools these will be or where they will go. With Grappenhall Heyes expanding in size and houses being built in Lymm and surrounding areas there will need to be another High school as it is unlikely going forwards that Bridgewater High School and Lymm High School will be able to accommodate the children of Grappenhall (as currently happens) together with the new children from the new developments.

There are also no definite plans for more doctor's surgeries to service the new residents. It is already currently very difficult to be seen (or have a telephone consultation) as it is. I had to wait 3 weeks to speak to someone over a query on medication.

In summary there are many issues that Warrington needs to deal with at present, the lack of adequate public transport, the lack of medical services to name a couple. There is no money in the budget for improving these aspects and building all these extra homes will further stretch the services available.

Kind regards,

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