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To: [Andy Carter MP](#); [Local Plan](#)
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Dear Sirs,

I have considered this documents published by the Council in respect of the above. I must object for reasons set out below.

Whilst I do not welcome the additional development MD2 south East warrington Urban extension, I appreciate that the country requires addition housing to meet future needs.

My overriding concern is the lack of any reference to sort out the infrastructure of connectivity of south Warrington (south of the ship canal) to areas to the north.

Adding this number of properties, the vast majority of which will have 2 or more vehicles, is a recipe for disaster for being able to access the facilities to the north of the ship canal.

South of the ship canal has little in the way of Council leisure service. Broomfields is a disgrace that the Council should be ashamed of.

Living close to Stratton I rarely, and only then reluctantly do so, try to travel north across the ship canal as the journeys are so tortious and I sit there in traffic polluting the environment.

Yes I could walk or cycle. It is a 35 minute walk to Stockton Heath. Cycle, down the a49, that would be ok. Where do I leave by bike? Cycle back up the a49? Have anyone for the Council tried that? As a reasonably fit 60 year old, that cycle back is no joy. I have tried it. It just isn't going to happen, get realistic for once.

Bus services to south warrington are non existent, so forget that as an option.

The cantilever bridge needs replacing with a high level dual carriageway. I believe this was planned in the 1970's but the scrapped as there was no need. The Council then allowed flats to be. Built on the proposed route.

If I require to travel to a town centre, I head south to Northwich as it's quicker and less frustrating. Is that how it should be? I think not. I would like to support Warrington businesses, but it's just too frustrating.

To get the B&Q in Winwick, it's m56, M6, M62 fo me. Ludicrous.

It is mentioned, as a token, that the Cat and Lion junction will be improved. Which properties are going to be demolished? Not the Cat and Lion, not the newly converted barns you gave pp for, so I can only assume the Beehive Post Office will be demolished, thus reducing local services and the Bed and Breakfast house opposite will also be demolished and part of the cricket field will be lost. Just what is the plan?

When the New Town was built, new infrastructure fit for purpose was built first.

The Council can't even sort out the traffic lights at the centre of Stockton Heath for the traffic using the A49 as is. What hope do we have that there is any level of competency to plan and develop a local infrastructure scheme that is fit for purpose that does not use the

politically acceptable “walking, cycling, sustainable labels”.

Take a reality check. I have spent months Visiting elderly relatives in warrington hospital. There is no option but a car journey.

I struggle hard to find any one of my car journeys that I could replace with walking or cycling. Morrison’s is over a mile away back up a steep hill. That will be the same for the proposed development. Local centres do NOT replace a main supermarket.

THE INFRASTRUCTURE PROPOSALS ARE SO LACKING I HAVE TO OBJECT TO THIS PLAN IN THE STRONGEST TERMS. NOT BECAUSE OF THE HOUSING. ITS THE LACK OF INFRASTRUCTURE.

Ok to the housing if there are plenty of “greens” lungs in the spirit of a garden village style developments, but sort of the infrastructure. Cars will never reduce in numbers and the government accepts that, it promotes cars, just electric ones. They take up the same space!

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