Dear Warrington Borough Council,

## <u>I am saying 'NO' to this new Local plan to build a minimum of 4200 new homes in</u> <u>South Warrington.</u>

I am a resident who has recently bought a house in Thelwall. The area of Thelwall appealed to me for the local community village feel and the brilliant high school attachment of Lymm.

My partner has grown up in the village and we have always really valued walks within the green belt land where 'Thelwall Heys' is planning to be built. These walks have helped improve our mental health and keep the beautiful charm of Thelwall that attracted us to the area.

We were devastated to hear of the local plan to build 'Thelwall Heys'!!

I feel it will destroy Warrington because of several factors:

- 1. Lymm high school is within the catchment area of Thelwall. This is very appealing for people to live in Warrington South. However, Lymm school does not have the capacity for another 310 houses. Despite the idea of a 'new school' being built in Thelwall Heys this is not what people who live in Thelwall want. We want our children to go to Lymm that is already a well-established school with a good reputation. There is the risk that the people of Thelwall who have lived here for generations will move out of the area. This will change the whole community and change the type of people within the area, destroying a community who have been here for generations.
- 2. Thelwall Heys will **destroy Warrington's Green Belt. Warrington will have no green belt land left!**! Warrington is already one of the highest areas in the country for pollution levels. The M6 is right next to the green belt and this helps to take a **large amount of pollution away from the town**. Warrington South is an attractive area for wealthy people for its beauty and countryside village feel. Destroy this and owners of these million-pound houses around this area will leave, therefore reducing tax and income Warrington town benefits from.
- 3. Thelwall Heys will be a **commuter belt to Manchester and Liverpool and will not benefit Warrington town.** Living in Thelwall ourselves, I can tell you that most of the people who live here already commute to other cities for work. Perhaps you are unaware of this?! I commute to Wythenshawe for work and my partner commutes to Wilmslow. Warrington does not have enough attraction for jobs when the M6

and M56 are so close where you can access for higher wages and easier infrastructure. Thelwall Heys will be its **own commuter village with little value to Warrington.** 

4. **Finally, South Warrington does not have the infrastructure for 3,100 homes!** Assuming you think that the 'owners of the new home will be working in Warrington', can you honestly say that you have considered the volume of traffic that will be queuing over the three swing bridges! The Swing Bridges are already dangerous and are in need of urgent repair. Add more traffic to these bridges and people will definitely be put off working in Warrington! Please look at your infrastructure first before you quickly pop up 3,100 homes.

Building 4,300 homes in Warrington will destroy Warrington South and a lot of people with move out due to their community being destroyed. Once people move away for a quieter country life, it will leave less income for Warrington through tax and less appealing to live in. The air pollution will become worse for Warrington and the wildlife destroyed. The house owners will not be working within Warrington and the traffic will become even worse, consequently making pollution worse.

Please reconsider these plans before you destroy communities and Warrington town that we love!!

Kind regards, Emma