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Local Plan

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Dear Sir.

I am writing to express my dismay concerning the Revised Local Plan which I have recently had the opportunity to review.

The "stealing" of Green Belt land off the people of Warrington is a disgrace & I intend to strongly argue against this.

I cannot see any "exceptional circumstances" why "Green Belt" land has to be used at all. Why is this not explained within the plan, what are these "exceptional circumstances?

There are plenty of Brown Field sites still available within the Warrington area. These should be fully utilized for housing& the Green Belt land needs to be left for the people of Warrington's recreational & leisure use.

With regards to the infrastructure plan to support an additional 4200 houses in South Warrington (in addition to those already recently built) where is it??

The A49 & surrounding roads are exceptionally busy now (School times are hopeless!!), the swing bridges are falling apart (again), getting through (or around) Stockton Heath is a nightmare. 4200 more houses will generate around 8000 additional cars for our roads. How will the traffic move at all? (Any problems on the nearby junctions of the M6 & M56 already adds to our existing traffic issues.)

A full review of additional infrastructure in support the plans must be put in place & agreed **BEFORE** any further development takes place.

(A vague reference to a new junction on the A49 near The Spire is not enough!!)

This plan appears to do little for the Town Centre, in fact it will draw money away. Regeneration of the centre of town is an ongoing process & this Plan, & the money needed to follow it through would probably starve the centre of much needed cash.

I could go on for hours covering other matters like Air Quality issues, Unrealistic Forecasts, Educational needs, Health needs, Local Ecology issues & destroying the character & Landscapes in the villages in South Warrington. *But I've got things to do.* 

Therefore I will finish by stating simply, as a resident of South Warrington, this Revised Plan is still a poor effort in so many ways & needs serious amendments before it is anything like acceptable to me.

Whilst I do applaud the use of the Fiddlers Ferry site in the revised plan, **Keep off our Green Belt.** It's not yours to use or take..

Richard Atkinson