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Dear Sir/Madam

I am writing as a resident in the above area and wish to voice my opinion about the local plan in terms of it not being justified, deliverable and not in line with local assessment needs.

#### JUSTIFICATION:

Warrington is losing many of its young highly professional people to Manchester and Liverpool as well as other English cities. I can speak from having two of my own children, one a lawyer and one a doctor who do not wish to stay in Warrington for a few reasons:

Employment and career opportunities are better elsewhere. You need to invest in attracting better employers so that these people stay.

Affordable housing near good rail and tram links is limited and Brown field sites nearer better rail links are being left to further decay rather than being regenerated for home owners and highly reputable schools?

No fast transport and convenient links by tram or train in the more desirable areas eg SE meaning car journeys for a commute to rail links take ages. This is especially apparent in areas such as SE Warrington where even the bus services have been reduced and getting to the station takes a long time during commuter periods. This is likely to get even worse given your local plan. Also as we are supposed to be going "greener" I think some investment in electric rail and tram links on the South side of the town would be better suited to getting people to their place of work rather than even more cars!?

Decline in town centre and appeal. If you do have a night out in Warrington even the taxi services are inadequate and you often get stranded as a result.

#### DELIVERABLE:

The SE of the town is already congested with cars and the plans would have us depend on them more? Although electric cars on everyone's driveway may be one solution, congestion still remains. Not many people want a 45 minute journey to a train station. We need trams and a better transport infrastructure if we are to retain our professional workforce.

The countryside is in part what attracts people to the SE of the town and obviously this will be hard hit. The Dingle is already seeing erosion due to the increased population using it.

Where are your statistics: For the predicted increase in population? Demographics and socio economic class? Where do these people work?

#### LOCALLY ASSESSED NEEDS:

Where are these? Have they been evaluated objectively? I for one have never been asked my or my family's needs as a resident of 25 years?

Why do we stay in the area? What do I feel we need more of and also less of? What do I think will attract and keep our young people?

I'd be interested in seeing these?

Thank you. A concerned resident  
Wendy Brunt