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Hi,

I like some aspects of the Local Plan. There are some things that I don't like but I believe other people will be commenting loudly on those.

I believe there will be additional housing development, including in my ward of Bewsey near Chester Road, and I do agree that some of this at least will be needed.

What I would like to talk about is HOW this additional housing is built. Specifically how we can build housing that is sustainable in every sense of the word. Others will doubtless comment on the need for social sustainability, road infrastructure, doctors, schools etc. And all this is important.

The very specific plea I want to make is about wildlife. Most specifically hedgehogs - and if its good for hogs its good for all wildlife.

I've attached an image of the Big Hedgehog Map showing hedgehog reports in Warrington. We have a decent local population, but hedgehogs numbers are dropping rapidly, and there is a real risk we could lose this iconic and adorable British mammal.

The very simple, cheap, and high impact thing YOU can do as Warrington Borough Council is ensure that all new development is linked to the 'hedgehog highway'. Hedgehogs love gardens - but modern gardens are often bad for hedgehogs.

Hogs need a lot of space to hunt for their food of worms, grubs, bugs and slugs. They need to travel a long distance each night. Modern gardens are sealed so they can't get from garden to garden, this drives them out on the roads where many get squished.

Its as easy as putting a hog sized hole into the fence or wall at each edge of every garden (entry and exit). This is the most important thing we can do to help protect our hedgehog population - and is SO easy to do, especially at the point of development.

I've attached a leaflet about development from the British Hedgehog Preservation Society. This has a lot of info about how to protect hogs through the build process and beyond. Please please get this information to the right people. WBC will only build these new houses once and there is only one chance to do it right - and do it in a way that helps wildlife. A commitment like this would be a real boost for our hedgehogs.

There are many people who will be happy to take part in discussions about this. Reach out to people and you will get people on board.

kind regards,

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