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Sent: 14 November 2021 22:11
To: Local Plan
Subject: Local Plan Representation

Dear Sir/Madam

Please accept this email as my representation during the consultation on the Local plan for Warrington, and in particular the impact on South Warrington.

I would firstly like to object about the overall impact of the plan on what is currently a very attractive and pleasant place to live. One of the main features of the area that first caused me to move here 20 years ago was the perfect mix of nice quality housing with plenty of green open spaces. The huge impact of building so many thousands of houses in South Warrington will completely transform the area from a pleasant place to live to basically a huge urban area. I already know people who are thinking of leaving the area if this goes ahead.

I also feel very strongly that this is being proposed on our green belt land. Green belt land is precious and must be protected. Especially in these days of climate change, it is scandalous to be destroying our green spaces, especially when other less damaging sites should be used such as brown field. There are studies suggesting that the carbon footprint for the construction of a single typical house is upwards of 50 tonnes of carbon. Its not difficult therefore to estimate the carbon footprint of building so many thousands of houses. I believe Warrington Borough Council have a responsibility to calculate the carbon footprint of the local plan and make this public knowledge. This must surely also be included in the councils own climate change action plan.

I see that WBC is claiming that 5% of green built land in its overall area is being built upon, however, there must be an honest representation of the percentage of green belt land in the actual affected areas such as Appleton and Grappenhall that would be lost. I'm sure we all know its a lot more dramatic than the convenient claim of 5%.

I am also a member of Grappenhall Tennis club and am extremely concerned about the impact on the club and its hundreds of members. The plan is bound to have a serious impact on the club, including traffic issues, surface water issues and even just loss of aesthetic appeal. Its also quite possible that the club could be closed during the construction works with the loss of exercise and enjoyment that this would entail.

I am also concerned about the impact that so many houses will have on the local area. Stockton Heath is a lovely little centre with its cafe's and restaurants etc. This will become so overcrowded with so many new houses and thus lose its appeal and success. Even access to the motorways at the moment can be difficult so just imagine it with thousands more houses and even access into Warrington via the few available bottlenecks will be even more congested making the town centre a very unattractive place to try to reach, further adding to its decline. And what about the need for more services such as dentists and doctors etc which are already stretched.

Stockton Heath and South Warrington should be cherished and protected as the very successful area that it is, not ruined by turning it into a huge urban sprawl.

I also believe that the whole consultation process is fundamentally flawed due to the lack of detail that is required for local inhabitants to make an informed decision. For example, just take the Grappenhall Tennis club where there is no detail that would enable us to adequately assess the impact. Consequently, I believe the consultation process is wholly inadequate and thus cannot be concluded until sufficient further information and detail is provided to local residents.

I would be very grateful if my concerns and those of other local residents could be taken into account.

Kind Regards

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