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To whom it may concern

I am strongly objecting to Warrington's local plan, as modified in 2023.

The reasons for my objection are as follows:

1. You have used housing numbers based on 2014 population figures and have not taken into account that population numbers have dropped since then, These figures are nearly 10 years out of date and we have had a global pandemic since then, as well as Brexit. The plan has not been reviewed in light of these significant changes.
2. I understand that private builders are not hugely limited to what they can build. The cost of the houses that are currently being built are too expensive for first time buyers. In particular, the plans for South Warrington are building on some of the most expensive land in the borough, which will make the houses even more expensive. Brownfield sites should be built on first because this land is cheaper and therefore the houses will be cheaper and more affordable to first time buyers.
3. The plan is proposing to build on significant amounts of Green Belt, especially in South Warrington. Green belt should only be built on as a last resort. The modified plan has not taken this into account. Fiddlers Ferry and Crossfields sites, as well as empty shops and business premises must be utilised first, rather than building on our precious Green Belt. Once this has gone, the impact on our environment is massive and cannot be reversed. This is absolutely criminal when it is not needed and must stop.
4. The infrastructure, especially our roads, cannot cope with more housing. We have 3 motorways, canals, the River Mersey and only 3 main crossings over the Manchester Ship Canal. Warrington already gets gridlocked several times a day and when there is an accident on the M6, it is carnage. South Warrington in particular the roads through Appleton and Stockton Heath cannot cope with more housing. This will also increase the environmental damage that is taking place, as well as affecting people's health and wellbeing.
5. The environment and green spaces that we have around Warrington, especially around Appleton, Grappenhall Heys and South Warrington (all Green Belt) will be lost forever. More houses, more cars, more people will have a massive impact on the environment and Warrington will not have the open spaces that it currently enjoys. If we learnt anything through lockdown, it was that green space and places for people to walk in the open air and countryside was hugely important to people's mental and physical health.
6. Finally, the Government Inspector has found this plan to be unsound. There has

been very little consultation or input from the public and what has been submitted has been ignored. This plan is unsound.

Kind regards  
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