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I am writing to appeal against WBC's continued punishment and obvious resentment against the residents of South Warrington. I am shocked but not surprised, that the less lucrative brown site of Fiddlers Ferry has had its planned housing numbers reduced by over 50% where the south of Warrington has had its reduced by less than 3%!!! Building on greenbelt at a time where wildlife habitat is in critical danger and a climate catastrophe is only years away is beyond ludicrous, we should be planting trees and helping nature rather than flooding it with tarmac and concrete. The Plan describes the Urban Development on greenbelt as being met sustainably, what laughable wording, what part of removal of greenbelt and wildlife habitat is sustainable!!!!

The logic behind building such a large amount of houses on the outskirts of Warrington is not sound, residents of these new housing estates will find it easier to shop outside of the area as Warrington town centre cannot cope with the volume of traffic as it stands. It is currently easier to shop in Northwich due to congestion and unreliable nature of Peels Swing Bridges, so do not expect an upturn in the number of people shopping in our town centre.

The Six56 has been removed from the plan, why when it is still under review and still could get the go ahead in the next few weeks. Also, should the requirement for such a large development still remain when the plan is only 3.8 ha short of the required employment need? Obviously there is no justification for release of greenbelt for employment, certainly not 136 ha worth!!!

The success of the Local Plan is down to the infrastructure so surely before any large scale building work is given the go ahead, the critical aspects of the plan should be in place ie a hospital. The hospital has been failing for many years so it is key to decide if the original site is developed or a brand new site is established. If a new Hospital is the best way forward then this should be prioritised and the plan paused until we have a health care system fit for the town.

I have no confidence that WBC will listen to the concerns and worries of its residents as it is more concerned about its relationship with developers, relationships that are blurred at best!!!

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