



25<sup>th</sup> April 2023

Dear Sir/Madam

**Proposed Main Modifications recommended by the independent Planning Inspectors to the Updated Proposed Submission Version Local Plan 2021 - 2038.**

I am writing in response to the above consultation and wish to make the following points.

1. I am fully supportive of the removal of the South East Warrington Employment Area as there are no exceptional circumstances for the removal of this land from Greenbelt. I agree with the Inspector's assessment that the current and projected levels of growth in the town do not justify this element of the Local Plan.
2. I am pleased to see that the Inspector has also suggested that housing numbers should be reduced but feel that the small reduction is insufficient given the low growth in the town. In addition, as the Government has indicated that it will be adjusting the formula to be used to calculate housing need and given the length of time it has already taken to reach this stage in the Local Plan process I believe a pause to wait for the new guidance is justified.
3. Finally, Warrington continues to suffer from very poor infrastructure. I agree with the Inspector's assessment that there is considerable uncertainty about the funding/deliverability of the Western Link. I am disappointed that as a result of these uncertainties the Inspector has not scaled back housing numbers to be built out of the centre of the town as these areas will suffer most from lack of infrastructure. I am concerned that the levels of development that remain in the plan will simply increase the existing pressures on services and roads. Most important is the impact that additional congestion and vehicle movements will have upon air quality in the town which is widely recognised to be very poor already.

Yours faithfully

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