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Subject: Formal Objection to Proposed Developments in Wrington

Dear Sir/Madam

I am writing to formally object to the proposed large-scale housing developments in Wrington, as detailed in the North Somerset Local Plan. These proposals would have significant and irreversible impacts on Wrington’s infrastructure, environment, and heritage.

1. Butts Batch

* Threat to Heritage and Infrastructure: Previous applications for this site have been refused due to serious impact on heritage assets and lack of adequate infrastructure. These concerns remain unchanged and still apply.
* Environmental Destruction: This area supports important biodiversity and wildlife habitats. Development would lead to irreversible ecological damage.

2. Cox’s Green

* Loss of Agricultural Land: This is active, thriving farmland that would be lost forever if development proceeds.
* Increased Traffic and Safety Concerns: Wrington’s narrow, rural roads already face congestion and safety risks for pedestrians and cyclists. Additional housing would significantly worsen these conditions.
* Strain on Local Services:
  + Schools: Wrington Church of England Primary School is usually oversubscribed, with no capacity for additional students.
  + Healthcare: Local GP services are under increasing pressure, with extended waiting times. More housing will exacerbate these issues.
  + Sewerage and Drainage: Wrington’s drainage system struggles during heavy rainfall. Further development could increase the risk of flooding.
* Flooding Risks: This site has a history of flooding. Building here would exacerbate drainage problems and increase risks to surrounding properties.

3. Land East of Wrington (Rickyard Road and Rydings Farm Area)

* Traffic and Infrastructure Overload: Development in this area would place excessive pressure on Wrington’s roads and services, worsening congestion and accessibility for residents.

4. Land at The Alburys/West Hay Road

* Loss of High-Quality Farmland: This is Grade 2 agricultural land, a valuable and irreplaceable resource that should be protected. Developing this land contradicts sustainability principles.

5. Garston’s Orchard

* Severe Flooding and Environmental Damage: Previous applications for this site have been refused due to its high flood risk. Development here would jeopardise properties and worsen existing environmental issues.
* Loss of Natural Habitats: This site plays an important role in local wildlife conservation. Construction would permanently destroy critical ecosystems.

6. Cumulative Impact on Wrington

Beyond the concerns associated with individual sites, the combined effect of these developments would:

* Overwhelm local roads and increase congestion – particularly near the A38, West Hay Road, and Butts Batch.
* Place an unbearable strain on public services, including schools, healthcare, drainage, and transport infrastructure.
* Encroach on Wrington’s countryside, permanently altering its rural character.
* Exacerbate flood risks, especially in Cox’s Green and Garston’s Orchard.

7. Contravention of Planning Policies

These proposals do not align with the North Somerset Local Plan or National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) principles of sustainable development.

* Policy CS5 – Countryside Protection: The North Somerset Core Strategy states that countryside should be protected from unnecessary development. These proposals contradict this policy.
* Policy CS32 – Development in Service Villages: Wrington is a service village, where only small-scale, community-led development should be permitted. The proposed developments exceed this scale and are unsustainable.

8. Cumulative Impact of Bristol Airport Expansion

Wrington is already negatively affected by Bristol Airport’s expansion, which has led to:

* Increased traffic congestion, particularly along the A38 and surrounding roads.
* Unauthorised airport parking on local green spaces.
* Higher levels of noise and air pollution.

Further large-scale development would intensify these existing issues, significantly diminishing residents’ quality of life.

**Conclusion: Wrington is Not a Sustainable Location for Large-Scale Development**

For the reasons outlined above, I strongly urge North Somerset Council to reject these proposals. These plans do not align with local planning policies and will have detrimental and irreversible impacts on Wrington’s infrastructure, environment, and community.

I trust that my concerns, along with those of many other residents, will be fully considered in the decision-making process.

Yours faithfully

[Your Name]

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