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On reading the above I would like to know whether or not the people of Warrington would approve of City status, Warrington is a town with outlying villages. It hasn't a city infrastructure nor city amenities, it isn't and will never be a Liverpool or a Manchester, it sits in between and struggles with the amount of homes, population as it stands a few 'tweaks' are not going to make a difference except to increase congestion and impose more costs on home owners as this 'proposed' development will bring higher council tax etc to compensate this immense build and with no added benefits other than for the council and its contents.

Infrastructure, doctors surgeries, schools, etc need to be in place 'before' any house developments are started because as lots of people who moved into South Warrington know, Grappenhall Heys was supposed to include a doctors surgery, a shop, hairdressers, dentist or the like, etc you can't add more homes and not supply these amenities. Schools are over subscribed, children suffer, doctors bursting can't get appointments, 17 years from its build - nothing - so these so called plans/proposals are full of empty promises as past new builds have proven. Houses make money, land, the build, the extras don't and we know what takes precedent, more homes more council tax. Warrington's roads cannot take the increase in cars this proposal will bring, one big link road is not going to change congestion as Warrington sits its an island amongst the motorway networks M6, M56, M62, etc., traffics constant from Winwick to Stockton Heath so a 'link road' from Sankey to Walton is not the solution it's a 'start' to the solution but there's more required, this only supports and aids town congestion.

Rumour has it that should Warrington attain City status which is a ludicrous suggestion, I for one as would many, love to know the advantages of this title to the town and its residents, it will come under Liverpool City Council and become Greater Liverpool losing its 'Cheshire' label, is this true as I am sure thousands of local people would protest about this if true and they were informed before sprung upon them.

The town's residents as a whole should have a say as this affects every borough of Warrington and not all for the better, Warrington is a sort after area as it stands it offers a quality of life as a 'green' and affluent 'town', the centre has looked sad for a long time, I am born and bred a Warrington [REDACTED] and the build taking place in the town centre is much needed, Bridge Street is a shambles and lost its charm, lovely old buildings full of character are lost and neglected. It used to be a town centre to be proud of, have a night out in, eat, drink, it will take time, money and effort to return to what it should and used to be, parking is impossible around the town centre, very little street parking, limited free parking. New market parking well that will create major congestion, it's an eyesore as it stands, huge and imposing, in and out of that area unless this has been a concern and has/will be addressed in the upcoming centre transformation.

Golden Square is losing its appeal, shops are closing due to high rents, this could become a bit of a 'ghost town' if it continues, a train trip to Liverpool or Manchester is and has always been easy, accessible and to 'cities' that have large centres to be a city, Warrington does not have a large area capacity centre, no where near the length and breadth of Liverpool, Manchester, Chester, is Frodsham, Widnes, St Helens likely to become a City ? Why Warrington, it has a 'parish' church not a Cathedral, it has a spire but it's not a Cathedral not ever could it be, the Council, I feel, is hoping by increasing population that this boosts the chance to get City status. Please don't ruin what is and has been a thriving and popular place to live and work, great connections, good schools, open green spaces, into a choked, over crowded, dense area that people will avoid, it is leafy 'Cheshire' a county to be proud to be part of and live in, a town that has great roots and history,

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