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To whom it may concern,

I am writing to advise that I am totally against the proposed main road being built along the former railway embankment. It will destroy the wild life, homes, communities and green belt land. Warrington's precious green belt land has already been exploited by profiteering, unscrupulous housing developers far too often, especially in South Warrington, to the detriment of wildlife and residents.

It is well documented that green spaces improve the mental and physical well being of people, this stretch of the transpennine trail is a very busy and important green space to the residents of Thelwall, Grappenhall, Statham and Lymm. It is not just cyclists who use this route, walkers and horse riders use this route too and you will be removing an important asset from the area. A cycle lane running along a road is no compensation for what will be lost to the community.

Any homes that are not destroyed will be subject to air pollution, unbearable noise, pressure on local services and infrastructure and increased commute times, all of which will devalue properties making it impossible to sell.

The new tolls on the Runcorn bridges will make traffic to divert to the proposed new road to avoid the charges which will cause more congestion in Thelwall and Grappenhall.

I am also not in favour of housing being built on green belt land in prime property locations. Surely the most needed types of homes are the truly low cost, affordable, quality housing for the younger generation and unskilled workers attracted to the proposed new industrial site, which need to be built in affordable areas.

These plans have been around for years, so why is it only now that residents are hearing about the proposals. Why has it been kept quiet?

I also wonder why there have not been any meeting held in Thelwall or Grappenhall when we look to be the most affected areas in these proposals.

I'm also concerned that Warrington hospital is struggling to cope at the moment and if thousands more homes are built how can they possibly manage the larger population? A larger population whose health will be worse than the population currently is due to increase air pollution in an area which is already over polluted.

The new bridge is needed, but not at the mental and physical well being of the rest of the population. An alternative route must be found which will not disrupt whole villages and cause such a degree of misery.

Yours faithfully

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