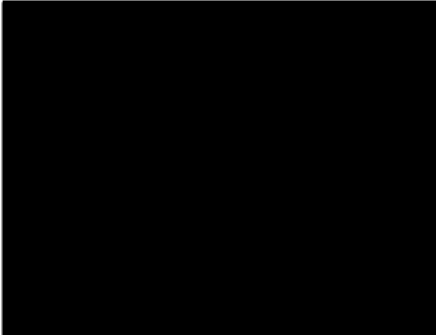


PDO 1269



Dear sir or Madam

●: **Proposed development of the “Garden City Suburb” & proposed road along the Pennine Trail**

We came back from my one week holiday at the end of August to find a leaflet pushed through my door about major developments in our area that we had not heard of until this notice. May be that was the councils plan to push the plans through the consultation while people were on holiday (during the summer holidays) so a lot easier to get through the initial consultation stage. The first proposed deadline did not give people sufficient time to look at the proposal and I welcome the extension so that more people can express their upset at how this has been organised and the proposals.

The leaflet, which we later found out was created by a local resident (not the council) explained that housing developments were planned for the south of Warrington (various areas) and also a road is provisionally located on the Pennine Trail through Thelwall, Grappenhall and Latchford. The picture was not a clear one so I decided to attend one of your consultation meetings.

We attended one of your consultation meetings at the Pyramid Centre in September with many other members of the public from our area who like ourselves was shocked to see the plans that had been drawn for the first time. At the meeting all the people from the council did live in Warrington – so really would not care about our local area, there was no counsellors (they obviously have decided not to bother to attend), or anyone from the planning department when we attended to discuss this with.

We asked where this had been published as it had not been in the Warrington Guardian, the gentleman said it had been published on the council web site, question, who looks on that daily or at all unless they need something, there had been more in the local press about the green bins than the proposed 24,000 houses across Warrington over 20 years and major road networks, with 9,000 on greenbelt land.

The proposals shows schools, facilities such as shops and medical centres, but no improvement to the hospital which we know is currently as most hospitals are “packed to burst” most days and has not grown in size over the year though the area has grown and it would struggle to take on additional capacity from the area.

We were also not impressed that a major road would be going through Thelwall, this is a small village which has no large shops, schools etc but would be a bypass for people to get off the motorway networks with ease. There was plans for a park area but to be honest if this road development did not take place

there would be no need for this. The Pennine Trail is used by many different people, [REDACTED] and parents walk their children all in a closed space that is safe with nature all around. As the road would not fit down the Pennine Trail without major changes I assume you would be compulsory purchasing houses along the way which would be at a cost to the council, if this road did not take place there would be no need for this added expense. The pollution and noise that a major road can bring to an area is not what I want for Thelwall.

We realise that we are growing population and require houses but you must consider the current population and their views and how this will impact on their lives, the surrounding area and the infrastructure. We purchase our home some [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Now the planning department wish to change the area completely which will change the village forever.

Can you guarantee that our house price will not be affected by this major development, we live in a small rural area one of the selling points, which to date has been very popular with old and young, a lot of our friends have moved away from the area but have chosen to come back and live here when they have decided to start families of their own [REDACTED]

Warrington Borough Council will change the face of the landscape but not for the better.

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