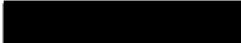




Dear Sir/Madam,

We attended the recent planning meeting at the Park Royal Hotel, Stretton and have studied your proposals.

 feel very strongly about this matter. We understand that our town needs to expand and that some new houses are required. However we object to the current plans on the following grounds:-

1. We believe that most residents of Warrington do not wish it to expand so much that it becomes a city. This seems to be more an idea promoted by members of the Council, building consortiums and the Planning Officer rather than one which is important to those already living here.
2. On this basis, the estimates for the housing required, areas for businesses and associated infrastructure are well in excess of those really needed and are more part of the Council, consortiums and the Planning Officer's ambition to make Warrington a city than what is absolutely necessary.
3. We believe that the minimum estimate should therefore be used, which is the figure to meet the Government's minimum requirements.
4. The implementation of the current proposals would be unnecessarily harmful to current residents. Pollution in Warrington is already causing a significant increase in illness. Existing traffic and congestion is also terrible.
5. Our 'Green Belt' should be preserved as much as possible and the current plans will consume a large area of green belt. The Council state that this is permissible to meet needs, but the needs are what they estimate, not what is essential.
6. We understand that the town centre is going to be developed and that really should be where many efforts should be concentrated. A new market and cinema achieve nothing when parts of the town centre are becoming deserted undesirable areas.

It seems from the mass protest at recent meetings that many other current residents hold similar views and we would ask that our protests are recognised and the plans scaled back accordingly.