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Local Plan

Preferred Development Option

Regulation 18 Consultation

Standard Response Form

July 2017

2: Questions

Question 1

Do you have any comments to make about how we've worked out the need for new homes and employment land in Warrington over the next 20 years?

Response:

It is stated that Warrington needs to provide a minimum of 24,000 dwellings over the next 20 years and 381 hectares of employment land.

How were these figures achieved? What was this work which was carried out in suggesting Warrington needs these numbers of homes and employment land.

Question 2

Do you have any comments to make about how we've worked out the number of homes and amount of employment land that can be accommodated within Warrington's existing built up areas?

Response:

The factors used in these proposed levels of housing need are based on household projections (how would you know that?), future job growth (how would you know that?)

Then, of course, there are the 'pie in the sky' aspirations the Council have in order to achieve City status.

Question 3

Have we appropriately worked out the amount of land to be released from the Green Belt, including the amount of land to be 'safeguarded'?

Response:

So far as Grappenhall, Thelwall & Appleton are concerned, too much has been lost in the past including farmland and long standing areas of green-belt.

Future generations should not be denied the best of today's environment which is contained in Warrington South.

Question 4

Do you agree with the new Local Plan Objectives?

Response:

I feel not enough consideration has been given to infrastructure particularly in relation to increased traffic.

Question 5

Do you have any comments to make about how we've assessed different 'Spatial Options' for Warrington's future development?

Response:

It seems Warrington South has been over targeted.

Question 6

Do you have any comments to make about how we've assessed different options for the main development locations?

Response:

The character of Warrington South does not seem to have been a major consideration as it was for different areas in the town.

Question 7

Do you agree with our Preferred Development Option for meeting Warrington's future development needs?

Response:

No, because it is taking up too much land which is green belt.

Question 8

Do you have any comments to make about our Preferred Development Option for the City Centre?

Response:

There is no city and nobody in Warrington was asked if they wanted the town to become a City. Ego trips for councillors.

Question 9

Do you have any comments to make about our Preferred Development Option for the Wider Urban Area?

Response:

The green belt should be conserved and brown field sites used for building

Question 10

Do you have any comments to make about our Preferred Development Option for developing the Warrington Waterfront?

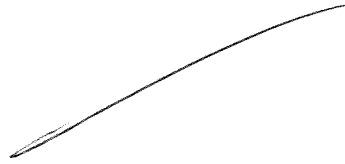
Response:

Where is the Warrington Waterfront? - we have never been told. The maps at the consultation were useless as no roads or waterways were named. I went to several and the maps at each venue were useless.

Question 11

Do you have any comments to make about our Preferred Development Option for the Warrington Garden City Suburb?

Response:



Question 12

Do you have any comments to make about our Preferred Development Option for the South Western Urban Extension?

Response:

Too much is being sacrificed in the proposals for the SWUE with the loss of farmland, woodland, hedges, trees, brooks and streams. It is these features that are cherished, not just by residents but also those who use the area for leisure and recreation and which truly represents all that is best in the environment.

Question 13

Do you have any comments to make about our Preferred Development Option for development in the Outlying Settlements?

Response:

There is an imbalance in the allocation of land for development 'settlement by settlement'.

Question 14

Do you agree with our approach to providing new employment land?

Response:

Priority should be given to the expansion of existing employment areas rather than blighting communities where no previous areas exist.

Question 15

Do you agree with our suggested approach for dealing with Gypsy and Travellers and Travelling Showpeople sites?

Response:

It is apparent that this group of people are more successful at achieving what they want, while the Council appear weak in controlling the sites where they initially gain a foothold.

Question 16

Do you agree with our suggested approach for dealing with Minerals and Waste?

Response:

Broadly yes.

Question 17

Having read the Preferred Development Option Document, is there anything else you feel we should include within the Local Plan?

Response:

Before it leads on to the Local Plan there is a need to balance the proposed developments with the out-cry from the public to conserve the green spaces which they value .