


Dear Sir

Re: Preferred Development Option Consultation
Extended until 29th September 2017


We moved to Grappenhall because it was a village in a semi rural location. Whilst acknowledging that some development in any area is inevitable we are objecting to the numbers being built and the green belt being lost.

Number of Houses Proposed

Obviously people need somewhere to live, especially local people who want to live near their family. We understand that there is a need for social housing that is affordable. I suspect that many of the planned houses will be priced well out of the reach of local people. The council should concentrate on small pockets of affordable housing built specifically for local people already living in the Warrington area. These houses could be built in areas already outlined for building and keep the green belt untouched.

The building of large numbers of houses, shops, schools, and medical centres will have a catastrophic impact on the area which cannot be reversed.

The numbers proposed are far too high.

Traffic

Warrington is already difficult to navigate in a car due to the waterways and bridges. Problems on the motorway creates grid lock in the area. This is particularly bad in Grappenhall which is close to the motorway access point.

Building more houses will bring at least two cars per household to the local area, plus people driving in to work at the new schools, health centres and businesses. New residents driving to work will be accessing the motorway or driving through town. Normal traffic flow will increase and create problems. Quality of life will suffer generally and air pollution will rise.

If you build more road they just fill with cars, noise and fumes.

This will be horrendous.

Greenbelt

Once lost it is lost forever for future generations. Building on this land is a big mistake; a criminal injustice to our children and beyond.

The open space and cleaner air benefits all the residents of Warrington. Open space for families to walk at weekend. Areas for wildlife habitat, which will be abundant in these open areas, will be lost forever.

This will greatly impoverish South Warrington and impact on Warrington as a whole.

Renaming the Area

The label of 'Garden City' and endeavouring to make Warrington Town into a 'City' is whose idea? Has this been advocated by our elected local representatives; or is it the brain child of an unelected council employee?

We live in a democracy and this should be the decision of the community. People should be able to say if they like it or if they don't like it and vote accordingly. The majority vote then decides the issue.

Thank you for reading our letter and noting our concerns.

Your faithfully

