



Dear Sir,

I respond by letter rather than complete the WBC questionnaire at the end of the 56 page document-I find the questions are heavily biased and leading, thus encouraging replies that are neither robust, reliable , objective or well informed.

I have attempted to read the document and attended 2 presentation evenings. My experience regretfully, was that I found the planners seemed unable to engage in a democratic discussion – this led me on a journey to seek out irrefutable facts.

The following items I believe, need thorough consideration:

1. AIR QUALITY – increased housing leads to an increased number of cars on the roads – motor vehicles make an alarming contribution to air pollution, where electric buses and trams do not.(see Public Health England and Professor Paul Cosfords warnings). The resulting ill health creating a further burden on a struggling NHS in Warrington – a higher than regional average number of deaths caused by air pollution. In May 2016WHO declared “ Warrington is the second worst place in NW England for breaching air pollution safety levels”.

One solution - improve public transport and increase its network.

2. WARRINGTON TOWN CENTRE – is an utter disgrace of neglected, shabby and dilapidated buildings. my young friends and associates unfailingly choose Chester, Liverpool and Manchester for daytime and evening entertainment. The obvious need is to regenerate this failing town – even an iconic chain store has very recently closed its doors to trading. Sadly, Warrington has encouraged out of town warehouse type premises contributing to town centre demise – also, with the growth of automation in warehouse centres the original luring claims of employment will prove erroneous as more employees are made redundant in favour of robot workers. We need planners with vision to build a thriving town, combining high density housing and retail outlets; it's essential that growth begins within the town and extends outwards NOT encircling a town with miles of concrete, where housing developments are isolated and never feel part of a whole.

3. GREENBELT LAND – for a plethora of reasons this category needs to be protected and upheld until ALL other options have been thoroughly considered. Short term fiscal gain by developer's is merely that, with no consideration for the devastation created. Biodiversity is essential to the health and future of this planet – negligent behaviour focussing only upon short term gain destroys species of all life forms, affecting sustainability, perhaps forever.

Planners need to be fully aware of how Nature contributes to our continued survival (Biodiversity 2020:A Strategy of England's Wildlife and Ecosystem Services)

**I'm quite sure that the “right” decisions are made by planners who demonstrate integrity, long term vision, probity and veracity for all.**

