

Warrington Borough Council – Local Plan Preferred Development Option

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to register my objection to Warrington Borough Council's Local Plan PDO on various points,

I have lived in Moore [REDACTED]. The main reason I moved here [REDACTED] was that it retained a rural feel and setting, is very green, has numerous places to walk or cycle and is enjoyed by many from within and without the village. It provides a network of footpaths, tow-paths and Moore Nature Reserve which gives the village a distinct identity, is a conservation area and has quite a few listed buildings and bridges and is also washed over by the greenbelt which immediately adjoins the proposed South Western Urban extension,

Greenbelt designation is assigned to prevent towns merging in to one another, The amenity value of green spaces, even those which are not publicly accessible whether large or small scale are and should continue to be recognized as having an important visual, structural and wildlife role to play as well as having significance in enhancing the overall attractiveness of an area and preventing fragmentation and change of character. There is a duty to pay special attention to the preservation of green belt for these and many other reasons not least because they are irreplaceable.

Clearly, as this proposal entails housing coming right up to the village boundary at the eastern side of Moore there would be no green belt left and the village would be swallowed up which makes a mockery of the reason for green belt designation. Namely the merging of towns,

The development of this proposal will detract from the historic, environmental and aesthetic character of an area which requires protection as part of our cultural and historic heritage.

The Port Warrington proposal indicates a large distribution centre with huge warehousing to the north of the Manchester Ship Canal, This development will have a devastating impact on the lives of the residents of Promenade Park as their homes directly overlook this area. Residents need the reassurance that proper assessments will be made before any permissions are granted together with enforceable control measures especially in relation to noise and the visual aspect,

My concern also extends to the detrimental impact of Port Warrington on Moore Nature Reserve which is hugely important for both wildlife and people and must be protected for future generations,

Yours faithfully

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