

Dear Sir,

How does one make a protest against the two proposals currently under discussion by Warrington Council?

First of all a proposal to use a defunct railway line and its embankments to ease traffic congestion in the town.

Some forty years ago when the New Town Scheme was being implemented we were told that a new bridge would be constructed to facilitate the flow of traffic, a bridge which, in South Warrington would run parallel to the cantilever Bridge in that area. The road was never built although some properties were compulsorily purchased and demolished because, I am reliably informed, Warrington Borough Council refused to fund its share of the expense for the project.

Talking, recently, to a lady who lives in the [redacted] area of WA4 her property and by definition, that in Marbury Street, York Street, Banterbury Street and presumably, St James' School will be

irrevocably affected by the development and peoples lives arbitrarily disrupted.

Are the necessary surveys being carried out to ensure that the embankments and bridges can support the volume of traffic generated by such a circumstance?

There is a huge difference between a train or two rumbling along the route every hour or so and the ceaseless traffic using the roadway for twenty four hours every day.

As to the second proposal to build two and a half thousand properties and all the infrastructure required to make it viable; we are informed that although this is green belt land it is simply a line on a piece of paper, how cynical and how patronizing of a local government which expects us to pay our rates on time but hides roughshod over its people's legitimate concerns.

Trying to pretend that it will be a garden suburb to South Warrington with wonderful facilities for the community is simply a smokescreen for the council to exact even more revenue.

As for Warrington becoming a city the idea is risible since everyone who uses it is appalled by the

way in which the lower half of Bridge Street with the beautiful facades to its building has, again through council legislation, been allowed to degenerate into road through to the shopping areas, so different from when I was growing up in the town, a town I was then proud to belong to.

The fact that two major retailers have pulled out of the Golden Square development with no one willing to take their place has left the town looking anything but prosperous.

Since most people now own cars they will use them to avoid Warrington and to go elsewhere for their requirements both retail and leisure so any revenue which you suggest will benefit the town will simply be channelled to other areas.

It would seem that governments both National and local are dealing contemptuously with the people they purport to serve. We are capable of cogent thought and not willing to accept as immutable any council manifesto.

