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I write to voice my objection to the proposed Local Plan proposal currently being presented.

As third generation resident in Thelwall village I find it highly irregular that I only discovered the impact the proposed Local Plan would have on my community when a flyer, and not an official local government information flyer, was posted through my door over the weekend. This is especially disturbing considering the deadline of the 12th September, and the fact that our local parish council do not meet in August, to make objections to the proposed plan and, to add further insult to injury, It has since come to light that there have been local consultation meeting's held in Lymm, Birchwood and Winwick but NOT Thelwall or Grappenhall where most of the disruption is likely to take place. I personally feel as if this entire process has been chaotic at best.

Whilst this could be considered a situation of "Not in my back yard" I find the proposed plan to release large areas of Green Belt for development of 9000 homes (over a third of the planned new homes in the plan) as a "Garden City suburb" and a proposed route taking "advantage" of the old Trans-Pennine railway route running over the Ship Canal and through Grappenhall and Thelwall badly considered and thought through.

The Thelwall and Grappenhall areas are some of the most beautiful and idyllic areas of Warrington and people living in these areas don't want huge areas of green belt tearing up for new homes that I feel will both damage the environment and devalue homes in the area. In the case of the proposed local infrastructure development this will not only further damage the environment by further taking from the Green Belt but also in the long term with the added noise and air pollution the increase in traffic will undoubtedly bring.

Shouldn't the town's local plan take into account the opinions of local residents? Wouldn't the local plan serve the town and its inhabitants better by planning for better public transport links, more bike paths, more parks and better opportunities for the next generation of adults? How can 9000 homes in an area of Warrington with an average house price of between £150,000 and £250,000 help young people get on the property ladder ? or is the plan to offer them at significantly lower prices leading to a significant decrease in property values in the area? How will a major road running through Grappenhall and Thelwall further affect these house prices? Who will reimburse residents this loss of value?

As for the previous draft plan being quashed in court surely it is the council's job to represent and argue on behalf of the towns constituents and their wishes and continue to fight against the development companies whose only interest is in the level of profit they can attain.

Personally I will fight this local plan in every way possible in order to protect my local community and environment and I am sure I will not stand alone in this.

Regards

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