

WARRINGTON PREFERRED LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2017

I believe that the PLDP should be scrapped and reconsidered for the following reasons: _

The consultation has been a sham. Firstly the lack of communication regarding this plan has been limited to the Warrington Guardian and the Council website. There are still many people who are not even aware of the plans. The consultations were held during the summer holiday period when many were away on holiday.

The plans are confusing and the Officers present at the venues often seemed unable to answer questions put forward by members of the public.

There should have been mail shots to every household so everyone was aware of what is being proposed.

The huge increase in housing will result in one big urban sprawl, leading to a loss of greenbelt, ancient woodland and individual village character. It will also lead to the loss of rural heritage.

The increased volume of traffic (and let's estimate at two cars per household so there are 50,000 more cars on the already struggling infrastructure) will mean significantly more pollution and the need for more roads which will cause disruption, huge upheaval and cost millions of pounds to develop. Traffic congestion will be even worse than it is now. This plan for the housing appears to be just focused on numbers of houses without any consideration for the quality of life which will be eroded for existing residents.

The plan seems to be formulated with land developers and national businesses in mind and not local residents or local businesses.

The snatching of the countryside from the green belt in South Warrington is profit based. The South of Warrington appears to be viewed as a cash cow for Warrington Borough Council with little or no consideration being made for the existing residents and resources already there.

There is a distinct lack of improvement planned for North Warrington parts of which are desperate for regeneration.

The main focus of the development plan should be the Town Centre. The Town Centre has been allowed to degenerate into an appalling state with historic and architecturally valuable buildings left to fall into disrepair and rot. The culture and heritage of Warrington as a Northern trading and industrial town has been completely overlooked.

Any housing development should be done firstly on brownfield sites and then the requirement for homes reassessed.

It appears that the Executive Board of the WBC have joined forces with Developers and put this plan together. They have in effect not consulted with the residents of Warrington to ask their views about how the town should move forward. Instead the residents are now objectors rather than participants in creating a positive plan for the future.

In essence this plan has not been produced by the people of Warrington for the people of Warrington and I STRONGLY OBJECT TO PLAN.

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