

Comments: We urge you to consider the health and wellbeing of Warrington residents in the local area as this is an open space with well used countryside paths frequented daily, sometimes twice daily, by walkers of all ages. There are several circular walks from under a mile to over 3 miles that are safe to use by people of all ages from young families to single elderly people. The value of this open accessible countryside in contributing to the health and social wellbeing of Warrington residents is huge in an age where the health and social inclusion of all ages has never been so prevalent. This is a zero cost solution so many can readily benefit from. We also meet visitors from the wider area who park at Walton Gardens and enjoy not only the park attraction but also the scenic walks along the canal and to see the horses in the fields at Hillfoot and Hillcliffe. It would be a shame to damage the image of this Warrington countryside to visitors, and to loose the carpark income.

The area holds an abundance of wildlife that we cannot keep moving further and further away from where we live else we will find ourselves living in a sterile environment where even our common creatures become items of internet images only, for example foxes, badgers, woodpeckers are all common in the area.

This development would bring around 1,000 vehicles at a conservative estimate making at least 2 journeys a day. Neither of the 2 canal bridges at Houghs Lane or Red Lane will provide a safe access to such a development. Both are single track width and Red Lane bridge suffers already from bottleneck blocking onto Walton Road and blind access from Birchdale Road and Hillcliffe Church car park. Any additional traffic on this road would be very dangerous.

The increased volume of traffic on local roads around Stockton Heath village would be nothing short of a nightmare to anyone travelling to the village hoping to park and shop. The pollution from slow and stationary traffic would impact seriously on the air quality around the village.

Whilst we want our town to thrive both economically and socially we also need to protect it so it does not turn into a place no-one wants to live.

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