

Proposal: "Warrington Council Option 18 Preferred Development"

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I am writing you to express my strong opposition to the proposed conversion of the transpennine trail into a new roadway through the heart of Grappenhall.

Key Concerns

1. Noise Pollution

- a) A major overhaul of the road network will take a long time; therefore we would experience high levels of noise pollution until the work is complete.
- b) Once the work is complete, we will then have to endure a busy through road behind our back garden. This is far from the tranquil back garden for that was such a selling point when we purchased the property [REDACTED] years ago.
- c) The large trees that are growing on the transpennine trail are currently a very good sound blocker to the traffic noise from the M56.

2. Air Pollution

- a) A major overhaul of the road network will take a long time; therefore we would experience high levels of air pollution until the work is complete.
- b) Once the work is complete, we will then have to endure a busy through road behind our back garden. My children will be growing up in our back garden; the traffic on this road will create very unsafe fumes and air pollution. Children should not have to breathe these traffic fumes whilst playing in their garden. Again, this is far from the tranquil back garden that was such a selling point when we purchased the property [REDACTED] years ago.

3. Safety

A key reason why we bought this property was the quiet and safe surrounding [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] I worry about my children playing so close to a very busy through road.

4. Environmental

Our back garden and other back gardens [REDACTED] are full of wildlife, especially different types of birds. It is very likely that a noisy through road will frighten away this wildlife. The trees growing on the embankment and the trail are very large and have grown for years, they will be full of wildlife and they look great. Surely we can't be proposing that these trees are chopped down!

5. Property Value

- a) This house is an investment for my family's future. We have put all of our money into this house. It was at the top of our budget, but we were confident that this south Warrington property could at least hold its value due to the area. It is very likely that the new road proposal will cause our house to reduce in value. We don't have the luxury that other generations had regarding house price inflation. If the property is de-valued by the mortgage company we could end up in a position of negative equity.

- b) If we wanted to sell the house in the future, it is very likely that buyers will be put off by the major road on the back. One of the major selling points of our property is the back garden and view. Again this means our investment could turn into a major problem for my family.

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[REDACTED] Please consider the points of concern raised and my objections to this proposal.

This change will have such a negative impact on our family. There must be other options that won't affect the heart of Grappenhall and its residents so significantly.

Yours sincerely,

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