

Firstly, I must register my disappointment and anger at the way that this plan has been put forward, with little or no advertising in the potentially affected areas. I am told that it was shown on the WBC website, but I rarely have reason to look on there, so wouldn't have picked up on it by that method. Secondly it has apparently appeared in the Warrington Guardian...again I have missed it there because I am not a subscriber. There has been no active positive intent to make anyone aware of these plans...that immediately makes residents feel that WBC are trying to hide this proposal and the lack of transparency around the PDP is enough to raise suspicions.

I am a resident in Grappenhall, [REDACTED] with immediate access to the countryside, dog walks and a safe secure area in which to raise my children. I have been very careful in my choice of home and area as this home is to be my pension, and its value will hopefully financially sustain me in my dotage!

We are privileged to live in an area with such beautiful surroundings, little crime, graffiti or anti-social behaviour. However as privileged as I feel, this has not come without personal hardship, commitment to career and self-sacrifice. As with many other residents in this area, we have worked hard all our lives, started out in houses of lesser value and in less desirable locations, working our way up the property ladder in order to do the best we can for ourselves and our offspring.

My objections to the Proposed Development Plan covers many areas as follows...

- 1 WBC want to turn Warrington into a 'Garden City' which I believe to be a naive wish. The current town centre is in no way a pleasant place to visit and I cannot see how a council who have such a poor foundation to build on, can plan and execute the building of a city. It is not the sort of area that would attract professional businesses and organisations.
- 2 I believe that the figures mentioned for the 'need' for housing and jobs are based upon pre-Brexit information, and the knock-on effects of that vote are still an unknown. It may be that this plan needs re-thinking right from the very beginning...and based upon 'actual' need in the current economic climate.
- 3 I believe that, geographically, with the natural and man-made boundaries of the area, putting 24,000 new homes within those constraining borders is absurd. It is hard enough getting into and out of Warrington currently without a possible 24-30 thousand extra vehicles added to the mix. I have read in the PDP that the residents in the area to the South of the Ship Canal use public transport and bicycles less than those in other more urban areas. This is because the people in these areas live there, but are currently close enough to the transport links to get to their workplaces in the outlying towns and cities. This plan means that we will be swallowed deeper into an urban area and struggle even more to get to and from our jobs.
- 4 There seems to be a wish to develop the area in South Warrington to a larger extent than elsewhere, even though the required changes to infrastructure are substantially greater than other areas...4 new large Primary Schools, new GP surgeries and a new High School, plus leisure facilities and children's play areas. Surely sharing an ultimately (hopefully) reduced burden around South, North, West and East would be more financially viable, and also would reduce the pressures on any one motorway or junction that are already under severe stress at times of roadworks, incidents etc.
- 5 There has always been a belief that, as a country, Britain's Green Belt was sacrosanct...being a natural barrier to urban sprawl, and protecting our countryside...why is this still not the case? My understanding, from the 10 minute video shown at the recent Lymm council presentation, is that Green Belt cannot be utilised

unless road and travel infrastructure is already in place. Am I being cynical, or is the down-playing of the new 'Strategic Public Transport Route' a method of rushing that through to enable the council to run riot over our Green Belt? It certainly seems to have been vociferously denied, even though it appears on the maps.

- 6 The utilisation of the Trans Pennine Trail to run a new road/future-proofed dual carriageway along, is the most obvious choice to the council...it is also disruptive and destructive to the lives of local residents and wildlife. This path is used by thousands of local people as a safe, beautiful and relevant route to Lymm and beyond...a place where our children have learned to ride bicycles, a place where we can all safely keep fit and healthy without danger from traffic or pollution. It is a protected and peaceful home to many different species of birds, insects and wild animals, and is a much loved and utilised public access to our countryside. Warrington already has poor pollution statistics...what on earth will happen to those with even more traffic on the roads, and a reduction in open spaces, trees and greenery to cleanse our air!
- 7 A potential major employment site is planned for the M6/M56 junction area. I cannot stress strongly enough that the Thelwall Viaduct and M6 both North and Southbound, are utterly hideous areas of congestion...this plan can only make access to and from Warrington and its environs EVEN worse...is WBC going to build a 2<sup>nd</sup> crossing over the Ship Canal to ease the problem? Surely there is a better area to the North of the M62 and outside of the constraints of the town for this kind of development?
- 8 Fidler's Ferry has been mentioned as an alternative area for construction...it would be well worthwhile waiting for this to become available and then re-thinking the whole plan.

From a personal point of view, I believe that WBC have already blighted ALL the areas that may potentially be affected by these plans, regardless of whether or not this goes ahead. You have damaged the very residents that voted you in, and are hitting people where it hurts most...in their pockets. We pay a premium for living where we do and pay you larger rates for the privilege...don't think for a moment that there will not be a reaction to these ill-considered plans.

I bought my home ■ years ago with a plan to improve it and move on once my children are in higher education. At that point, I was intending to move to another house locally, and refurbish it in order to try to improve my financial position each time, and so be able to support myself in my retirement. I now feel that the shadow cast over this area will force me to bring these plans forward before my home becomes buried in a central Warrington urban sprawl, and loses all of the value I have added to it...maybe I'm already too late.

I have no objection to this area taking on its fair share of new homes...there have been areas earmarked for development since the building of Grappenhall Heys. What I do object to is the unfair distribution that WBC want to thrust upon us.

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