

I am writing to express my concerns regarding the PDO for WA4. I have been a resident in Grappenhall for the past [REDACTED] years. I originally chose to buy a house in Grappenhall and move to the area, primarily because of the amount of countryside and natural green spaces, which makes it such an appealing area within which to reside. Additionally there are many houses of character and access to nature on my doorstep.

I have experienced a huge amount of anxiety regarding your proposals, which will inevitably have a detrimental impact upon my property price, which will have massive financial repercussions to myself. I saved hard to afford a deposit on my property in Grappenhall and chose this area for its green belt natural beauty as stated above, and due to this was prepared to pay for Grappenhall prices.

Another factor in considering living in Grappenhall was the close proximity to the transpennine trail which I regularly use to walk my dog and run and cycle along, which provides a safe area to exercise away from traffic and is also the habitat of much wildlife.

I am disgusted at the way the council have gone about their plans and the lack of information given, not to mention the lack of publicising your proposed plans, in attempt to deceive local residents.

I was informed that the proposed transport route - a busy dual carriageway was a 'concept', yet was clearly marked out on the route at briefing events. This has caused me much stress and anxiety. As well as the inevitable house price devaluation, it would cause much air and noise pollution and be an ugly sight (surely improved public transport routes would be more beneficial, such as a tram line, which would reduce congestion and have less impact to residents as opposed to a dual carriage way).

To take away the transpennine trail, you are taking away an area of natural beauty and actually taking away an opportunity for people to exercise and keep fit and healthy, particularly in a climate of concerns around childhood obesity and poor mortality rates.

It is also alarming that many of your calculations were made pre-Brexit and I would like to see revised figures to provide a more accurate projection of the number of houses actually required. The sheer number of houses identified for WA4 appears to be massively out of proportion and raises questions as to the your relationships with the developers identified.

Roads are already gridlocked through Warrington and yet you want to increase flow in to the centre, which seems ridiculous. It seems that this PDO was been poorly thought through with little regard as to the impact on the WA4 community, as opposed to carefully considering other areas of Warrington which are available, namely Fiddlers Ferry. Why ruin natural beauty spots for artificial gardens??

I look forward to hearing your response.

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