

To /

I attach, for your information, a copy of a letter I sent to the WBC Planning Department on 10th August 2017.

I would be grateful if this could be considered as a response to the Council's Preferred Development Plan.

Thank

**Response to WBC Planning Department
re:- Warrington Local Plan Review**

I understand that a company has submitted a registration form for the proposed development of land north of Hatton Lane in Stretton. The site covers an area of more than 24 hectares and extends northwards beyond Shepcroft Lane. The plan proposes the construction of over 500 houses and the associated infrastructure.

All the proposed development site is on designated Green Belt land.

My view is that the scale and extent of this proposed development would cause major traffic problems at the already very busy A49/B5356 Cat and Lion junction particularly as there are plans for further developments in the adjacent Appleton Thorn/Pewterspear areas. At certain times local residents already experience serious heavy congestion and the associated air pollution on Stretton Lane, Hatton Lane and the A49 approaches to the Cat and Lion traffic lights.

I think it would also be a great pity to build on the open fields within this Green Belt area. I can personally vouch for the fact that these fields have an abundance of resident wildlife. Amongst other things there are hares, hedgehogs, bats, ducks, herons and other species of birds in and around these fields. A number of ponds will also support small fish, frogs and possibly newts.

As indicated I feel it is inevitable that this proposed development north of Hatton Lane would only compound existing local infrastructure problems. It would increase traffic congestion and air pollution and destroy wildlife habitats within designated Green Belt land.

Bearing in mind the above points I would respectfully request the support of the WBC Planning Team in rejecting any application for the proposed development of this land.

Thank you,

Yours faithfully