

Dear Sir/ Madam,

I write to you to express my deepest concern and opposition to Warrington Council's PDO. It seems very clear that little meaningful thought has gone into the formulation of this plan; the proposal to build so many houses has many serious flaws which appear to have been overlooked.

According to the government, Green Belt land should only be used in exceptional circumstances, so I am at a loss to understand why WBC is considering building on vast swathes of such land, especially when there are ample brown field areas to use. Given that the government is also reassessing its plans on how many houses need to be built in a new White paper, it makes sense that WBC should also reassess their plans. As a side note, a friend recently had their planning application denied by WBC as it would encroach (by minimal proportions) onto Green Belt land - it seems that WBC are being entirely hypocritical in proposing a plan, therefore, which builds on Green Belt.

Moreover, Warrington is already a TOWN which is under numerous pressures. I find it preposterous that the council is considering adding a further 20,000 + houses to an area which already witnesses significant traffic congestion. The plans do not seem to provide adequate infrastructure for the servicing of so many new houses. Furthermore, medical and health care services will be placed under tremendous pressure if an influx of so many people occurs as a result of said houses. Warrington hospital is already under serious pressure and there are no provisions in the PDO to enable the hospital to cater for so many more additional people. Finally, the educational requirements for so many new houses cannot be met by the current schools in the area, yet the PDO makes no attempt to adequately provide for the needs of so many more children.

Whilst the above considerations would seem to me at least to cause serious objections to any plan, there is also the irreparable damage to the environment which needs to be taken into account. The area to be built upon is precious and contains many important, rare and, in some cases, protected species – as such this GREEN BELT land should be considered sacrosanct. Furthermore, the environmental impact of so many additional cars which the proposed PDO would bring to the region would prove appalling, especially considering that Warrington already has one of the worst recorded air qualities in the country

To finish, WBC has been particularly unforthcoming in their consultation progress. The public has been kept in the dark regarding the PDO, with consultation held over a shortened period at a time when many were on holiday - government guidelines suggest that this should not have been the case. This is simply unacceptable given the significant and long lasting implications of such a plan. WBC has not been, in the minds of many, totally transparent in their dealings.

Having researched and consulted on the various issues surrounding the PDO, there seems to be serious and very real flaws in what WBC are proposing. I hope that common sense and decency can win through and undermine the insidious pressures and connections that certain large scale developers can bring to bear.

Yours faithfully