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Dear Sir,

I am writing to strongly object to the proposals currently being put forward as the preferred development option for consultation.

The manner of the consultation has been woeful and I feel underhand. To commence the consultation period at the commencement of the summer holiday period with no "fanfare" from yourselves is merely the start. To say that publication of the details on your website constitutes information provided/consultation is farcical. Not everyone spends all their time looking at their local council's website "just in case something momentous may be proposed which affects them", and if details and leaflets had not been put through residents 'doors by local residents' associations, then many people would not even be aware of your plans. To hold meetings at locations well away from those areas most affected by the proposals was also ridiculous. The meeting held at Stretton last week shows how much feeling there is in this region by the numbers attending. I felt that the local council presence was woeful, and nobody appeared to be able to answer any questions being posed. They seemed to be there only to hand out papers.

I am still no wiser as to the process by which land around Grappenhall/Stretton/Appleton is deemed to be the most appropriate for development. The fundamental flaw with developing this area is the lack of infrastructure and the overriding issue with getting into/to the north side of Warrington due to the need to cross the river/canal. We are all aware that if there is any traffic trouble at all on the M56/M6, then it is nigh on impossible already to move in the area, and the addition of this proposed level of extra traffic would make life and travelling intolerable. I have no idea how you think that a few more distribution businesses near the motorway will create the jobs and need for housing you envisage. If in fact the jobs are north of the town, it would make more sense to develop green belt land in that location. There are already the motorway links, there will be no need to cross the river/canal, and both railway stations are already north of the river/canal.

On a personal note, I also feel it is laughable that you are calling the area around Grappenhall Village a country park. It is already in the country and would not need any redesignation if it was left as it is.

I look forward to contending any future proposals concerning my community.