



Thursday 28th September

Dear Sir/Madam,

As much as I would potentially agree that there may be a need for new homes. I feel the current plan WBC are working on is flawed on many levels.

Roads, Infrastructure, Traffic

Why is it that Warrington must create 10,000 of new homes, all I ever hear from people outside of Warrington is how good we have it due to the fact we sit on the M6, M62 and M56. My response to this is do you live in Warrington, probably not. If you did then you would realise how bad the roads are in this town. Even on a normal day it can take me 40 minutes to drive from my home in Latchford to Birchwood to collect my  that is less than 5 miles. You are currently talking about creating 1000's of new homes but yet we haven't got the current state of the town correct.

I have read the report on roads on the website. One can only assume this was conducted by people who don't live in Warrington. If it was then being close to the 3 motorways yes is a strength, but it is also a weakness and threat for the following reasons:

- When an accident occurs on any one of these motorways, drivers on all 3 will divert into Warrington to try and sneak through. Problem with that is if you open up your report and look at the A roads that currently go through Warrington, you will see they all lead straight through the centre.
- So, when is WBC going to look at the infrastructure of this Town and realise that it cannot cope with the current volume of traffic. But you want to add to this.
- Emergency Service vehicles, how can they do their jobs if the roads are gridlocked.

Moving on to the "City" I mean Town Centre.

What is with the reference to "City" status is driving the growth, people move to Warrington to get away from the City (Liverpool, Manchester). Maybe a field trip is needed by WBC to actual cities across the country, as I feel WBC have a lot to learn on what a city is. We are currently a town in desperate need of renovation, an identity, the town centre is a mess, we have more retail parks in a square inch than the rest of the country.

You are proposing the following, the PDO is based on an assumption of 1,113 new homes per annum over the next 20 years, equating to around 24,000 new dwellings. Although the reasoning for this assumption is discussed in the PDO, the conclusion needs to be challenged in light of the current economic environment. Does WBC think that by creating all these new homes it will drive people to the town centre, the people that currently live here don't use the town centre. We have driven out businesses to retail parks.

Healthcare

Warrington and Halton hospitals are already operating at or near to capacity. Almost all of the GP / medical centre in Warrington are operating at or near to capacity.

Whilst the PDO makes mention of providing new health facilities in the Garden City Suburb and the South West Extension, there is notably no mention of increasing capacity at Warrington Hospital. The residents occupying the additional 24,000 dwellings will also need access to healthcare facilities.

So How does this work, will we be taken to other hospitals in actual city's?

I feel the 3 categories I have listed above are key to why this plan is not only flawed but rushed and has not taken in what the people of Warrington need or want and what improvements this Great Town needs before talks on building 10,000's of homes. There are many, many other reasons why this plan should not go ahead which I am sure the other objections that you receive will discuss.

I moved to this town █ years ago, don't ruin it further. It needs fixing.

Kind regards

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