



Dear Sir

Objection to WBC Preferred Development Plan

I object to this proposal on the grounds of loss of amenities of our green belt land which provides such pleasure and leisure opportunities. The loss of green belt will negatively impact on the physical and mental wellbeing of our residents. The vegetation that will be destroyed protects us from air and noise pollution and acts as flood defence. The current road, rail and air networks contribute to poor air quality and noise pollution.

I doubt that there will be a need for such extensive development as the natural population of Warrington will not grow on such a scale. I question who these houses are for? I also query if planners have considered or earmarked affordable housing close to land intended for employment opportunities so workers can walk or cycle to work. They need to also ensure pavements are included so families can walk to school.

Planners' aspirations need to be to be mindful of the residents of Warrington and be evidence based. I believe that there should be sufficient land in the inner area of town which should be regenerated. Perhaps the planners could re-develop the land that they mistakenly planned retail units on when there was a predictable decline in the way residents shop. The council should be considering development in a sustainable way using urban land.

I think financial gain maybe the driver here, for land owners, developers and revenue for the council and government. Politics are also questioned in my mind as the bulk of the proposed development is to destroy the greenbelt in the South of Warrington. I do not think that in the light of Brexit or climate change we should get rid of any agricultural land. I do not consider the planners or Council's ambitions are based on "exceptional circumstances" to go against National Planning Policy. Brown Field sites should be used first. The risk of devastating damage to our environment and ecology needs to be understood and valued beyond greed, ambition or power wheeling.

Once this green belt has gone it has gone forever. We are already at the mercy of regular congestion due to bridge closures and incidents on the numerous motorways. We will also have further traffic using the town to avoid the tolls on the new bridge over Runcorn.

As a life-long resident of Warrington I do not want this development nor do I think we need it. I think it will cause more harm than good. I do not want Warrington to become a city. It will be a devastating loss for our countryside, wildlife, our communities and our wellbeing. The quality of our landscape and the agricultural value of our green belt should be highly valued and preserved for current and future populations of the town and surrounding villages.

I believe this plan needs to be scaled back and the use of Brown Field sites available now or due to be released should be used. I object to this plan as a totally unnecessary loss of amenity.

Yours sincerely

