

Dear Sir/Madam,

I would like to express my deepest concerns surrounding the Development Plans for Warrington; namely for Lymm.

I feel it is essential that we have a full re-assessment of the allocation of proposed new builds for all of the locations in the 'Outlying Settlements'. There appears to be minimal consideration for the community and environment of Lymm, and instead for the benefit of the Developers who will reap a higher financial reward for building in Lymm.

I appreciate that development needs to happen gradually over the years, and that Warrington Council is forced to create a plan, some of which I do support, however I ask you reconsider the current plans relating to the Outlying Settlements.

For example, the population of Lymm is currently 12,350. The population of Glazebury is currently just over 3000. Lymm is therefore 4 times larger in population than Glazebury. I question why you have only allocated 50 houses for Glazebury which is surrounded by vast amounts greenbelt land (more than Lymm) and has its own train station and close links to the motorways? If you plan to increase schools and health care in Lymm to accommodate the proposed 500 new houses, then you can just as easily do this in Glazebury. I would suggest a reduction in Lymm's figure to 250, and add the 250 you lose from here to Glazebury, Croft, Hollins Green and Burtonwood.

I am deeply concerned by the assumption that Lymm's infrastructure can accommodate 10% more houses in the next 20 years. This is an inappropriate method of calculating where to build further houses. Lymm has no train or metro station, it simply has buses, therefore the small village roads and bridges (already weak) will be unable to withstand the increase in traffic and vast number of cars (at least another 1000 cars if 500 homes are planned to be built). There is no where to expand the current already over-used road networks to accommodate such a fast urban increase. Lymm is a historical village that needs to be preserved, you have the opportunity to save it from turning into another grid-locked town.

The current open views and countryside are why the residents of Lymm live here. To build on them is heartbreaking for the community. All the greenbelt in Lymm is extremely important to the village and stops the sprawl of large built up areas, prevents us merging with other villages, safeguards the countryside from encroachment, preserves the character of the historic town of Lymm, and ensures the land currently available for development is used thoroughly. I feel there is no valid argument to lose such large chunks of our greenbelt around a village already suffering from over-population and building.

500 more houses in Lymm is simply far too much for the next 20 years. Please reconsider this figure for the sake of the community, environment and countryside.

On another note, I am aware that development will happen over the years (however hopefully at the very least half the size of what is now proposed) therefore may I suggest that the following areas would encroach far less on residents and the community, and therefore would be more appropriate for development:

Plot R18/081

Plot R18/072

Plot R18/070

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Having said that, I very strongly oppose any development on the following sites, due to their close proximity to existing homes and the enjoyment and use of the land by current residents, plus the importance of the wildlife and environment, and to preserve the character of the historic village:

Plot R18/076

Plot R18/107

Plot R18/065

Plot R18/068

I sincerely hope my comments are taken on board. I will do all I can to protect the village from encroachment.

Yours sincerely,

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