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Dear Sir,

Like many residents of WA4, I wish to express my views on the proposed development plan.

While I recognise that more accommodation will be required, and with that comes the need for additional infrastructure, I am opposed to the idea of declassifying green belt land for this purpose.

In my view, there are plenty of areas within Warrington that would benefit from redevelopment, rather than building new houses on green belt land.

My bigger concern however is the idea of building a new road along the former railway line and the impact this will have on the local environment and residents.

As a resident of [REDACTED] Grappenhall, I back on to the ex railway embankment so have a vested interest in this aspect of the plan. While I enjoy the benefit of not being overlooked currently, I do recognise that there is opportunity for the former line to be utilised but surely instead of encouraging more cars it would be better to extend the Trans-Pennine Trail enabling people to walk, run or cycle in safety. Failing that, a tram service connecting Warrington centre with the outlying villages such as Lymm would see the embankment used, enable improved commuting without increasing the volume of vehicular traffic in the area, with the associated pollution etc.

The Trans Pennine Trail is used extensively by walkers, runners, families, dog walkers etc. It allows people to travel safely off the roads, while enjoying the countryside. It is also home to many species of animals which would be negatively impacted by infrastructure development.

On a purely personal note, we have recently invested in building an extension to our home which we may not have done if we knew of this plan beforehand as it will clearly have a negative impact on our house value, but the communication regarding the development plan has been nothing short of disgraceful. I am not surprised that many feel it's a "done deal".

Yours sincerely

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