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Dear All

I am writing to all those involved in the Council's Proposed Development of WA4, with specific reference to work affecting the Trans Pennine Trail. As residents of [REDACTED] in Grappenhall, our garden directly backs on to the Trail meaning the proposed plans would either result in a bypass sitting at the bottom of our garden or worse, see our house listed as one of those under compulsory purchase.

As you can appreciate, we didn't meet either of these suggestions with enthusiasm and feel extremely let down by our council that we were not contacted directly. We heard about these plans, the same as everyone else did in this area, when information from friends and neighbours filtered its way through. We are a retired couple who have lived and worked our entire lives in Warrington, always paying our council tax on time, yet we have been kept in the dark about major developments which could see us having to move out of the area as we would no longer be able to afford housing in the area.

Consultation with all Grappenhall and Thelwall residents should have happened sooner and fully within the public eye. Instead it has been kept under the radar, with very few details being released over the summer holidays when many people are away on holiday.

We strongly appose these plans and we will be doing whatever is necessary to ensure that these proposals do not include the destruction of the Trail and the subsequent disruption to our villages. In addition, the proposal to build thousands of new homes that will not be affordable to the average person from Warrington shows the council is not looking to protect its current residents, but to push them out and bring in more wealthy individuals. Again, this is something we feel very strongly about as how will our family or subsequent generations be able to afford to stay here?

We would ask that any information you have regarding the proposal / changes to the plans / details of those being considered for compulsory purchase be forwarded both to ourselves and anyone within the Grappenhall and Thelwall area as soon as possible.

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