



Wanington Borough Council  
Planning Policy and Programmes  
New Town House  
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Dear Sirs

**Objections and comments on the Warrington BC Consultation and Preferred Development Option (PDO)**

I object to the PDO, principally for the following reasons;

<!--[if !supportLists]-->1 <!--[endif]-->**Inadequate Consultation**

WBC have not contacted me to inform me of their plan. The authority should specifically identify and consult if someone is likely to be worse off by the proposals.

The authority should consult allowing sufficient time to notify people and advise them of the options.

It is apparent that Wanington BC has failed in the above. There has been no awareness or notification by the Council. The plans

have only come to my attention through friends alerting me to the fact.

<!--[if !supportLists]-->2 <!--[endif]-->**Objection to the proposed use/disregard of Greenbelt**

Brownfield sites should be used in priority over Greenbelt. Once gone, it is gone for ever, Soon the site at Fiddler's Ferry will be available.

**2A Use of Transpenine Way/Bridle Paths**

In short, the answer is no – I use this for cycling so I am directly affected by these proposals. They must be must be preserved for the community, for health, relaxation and enjoyment.

<!--[if !supportLists]-->3 <!--[endif]-->**Protection of Wildlife**

The proposed plans will have serious adverse, irreversible and catastrophic effect on wildlife within the Green belt. The urbanisation of this precious land that Warrington BC proposes. In particular the following species will be diminished if not eradicated; bats, badgers dragonflies, newts, toads, herons, frogs, dormice, hedgehogs, all species of bees, butterflies, moths, toads, ducks and wild birds. These species are protected under The Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981. This Act also protects plants and habitats within the Green belt that Warrington BC are proposing to disturb, change and damage and eliminate to catastrophic and devastating levels. The UK National Ecosystem Assessment, (NEA) published an account of how the natural world provides us with services critical to our wellbeing and economic prosperity in June 2011. The NEA shows that nature is consistently undervalued in decision making and furthermore, over 40% of priority habitats and 30% of priority species are declining. What a legacy the Warrington BC PDO will leave. How this will irreversibly impact on the community for such short term economic gains. After all, this land comes at a high price, with greater prospects of taxation and gain but with sobering consequences not only for this generation but the generations that ensue.

<!--[if !supportLists]-->4 <!--[endif]-->**Traffic**

I live in the centre of Stockton Heath and yet ,on the rare occasions that I go town centre shopping, I go to Chester. Do you know why? Because I can drive to Chester and park just as quickly as I can drive into Warrington. The ship canal swing bridge-delay, Wilderspool causeway roadworks-delay, Bridge Foot-delay and Cockhedge Centre entrance-delay are a complete traffic nightmare at most times of the day. Other options are no better. Heaven forbid that you get marooned on the Waterside retail park car park! I would estimate that Stockton Heath comes to a standstill about 20-30 days a year when the Thelwall viaduct is closed due to accidents or bad weather. Warrington cannot cope now so how will it when further houses are built and even more cars are on the road? Are the council unaware of these problems?

And yet you continue to try and shut our libraries, close our Sandy Lane tip and mothball the local Sixth Form College!

You are trying to shoehorn in a ridiculous number of houses into an area that is already over-populated beyond it's infrastructure.

Please withdraw this half-baked plan

Yours faithfully

