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Hi

I wish to raise my concerns over the PDO. I have lived in South Warrington for [REDACTED] years and never wished or expected to become part of a city. [REDACTED] I moved to Cheshire to escape city pollution but have become increasingly concerned over the council's financial ambition to reach city status. The charm of South Warrington is the separate communities who converge with many other Warrington residents on the walks and using the facilities in Stockton Heath. The plans seem to take no accounting for the impact it will have on existing residents lives.

We have often bemoaned the lack of facilities and public transport. Most European Cities like Copenhagen have recognised that changing car culture takes years of planning and gradual execution. Warrington seems to have given up by making one of its tallest buildings a car park!

All the plans seem based on green belt build whilst most sustainable housing plans seek to utilise inner town brown belt.

If over 20000 houses are to be built with the same car mindset the council has today then Warrington will be gridlocked as it is when ever there is an issue on the motorways.

Facilities are also at capacity. Stockton Heath is promoted by every new build and often reaches a state of inertia.

The hospital can not cope with current demands and we know from friends that wards have to close to new patients, especially paediatrics. I am also aware that there are many GP vacancies so how Warrington intends to fill these would be of interest?

Finally as a nature lover who walks and cycles rather than drives [REDACTED] I do not recall ever being asked if I wanted Warrington to become a city. This is some else's ambition and as far as I can see this agenda has been deliberately kept from us. The consultation approach and communication has been awful with most of my awareness coming from Facebook networks.

Please effectively consider the wishes of your residents before you push your own ambitions. Residents, ecology and the long term future of our environment rest on the decisions about to be made.

Regards

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As a footnote I worry that assumptions pre and post Brexit are not being considered. If as a country we need to be more self sufficient then not wastefully losing valuable farmland should be a strategic consideration. As the June meeting showed considering all residents, including ecological ones, should be part of any responsible decision making process. Please show real consideration to the impact these decisions will have on this valuable part of Cheshire's heritage.