



Hi Planning Team

My wife and I attended the consultation event on Mon 4 Sept at the Park Royal Hotel. After waiting outside for the best part of an hour, due to the large numbers of local residents attending that night, we got in and were very disappointed by the current proposed 20 year plan, to develop South Warrington, and create a 'Garden city Suburb'.

Here are our main objections:

- Warrington currently gets gridlocked whenever there is an accident /incident on the surrounding motorways. This will continue to get worse. You are not able to improve / widen these motorways. So the 20 year plan, will ultimately see Warrington in a permanent state of being gridlocked - even if you are developing the local infrastructure.

- Gridlock situation is due to Warrington being surrounded by water ie The River Mersey, The Manchester Ship Canal, and also the The Bridgewater canal. This water network is not going to go away.

This makes Warrington quite unique compared to other towns and cities, but it also makes it harder to effectively deal with the traffic flow over the water. Your 'illustration' of where a proposed new bridge would go was so bad that you had to do a retraction statement even before we attended the consultation event on 4 Sept 17.

- At the event a Council planning team member said ' there are only 500 houses planned for Lymm, as Lymm does not have the infrastructure to cope with any more'. I would argue that South Warrington does not have the infrastructure to cope with the 20,000 houses that are planned. an example of a local over developed area is Winnington / Barnton in Northwich. The road network there simply cannot support all the houses, and all of the traffic. Its an example of Housing planning at its very worst. Your current plans are on this scale. Please learn from west Cheshire councils mistakes.

- Another Council Planning team member said 'this is our 20 year local plan, its not perfect, but the alternative is that it will go to Central Government and National Planning who will do a worse job'. This simply is not a good enough argument, you are admitting that your doing a bad job of the planning, but its better than the alternative.

You should have more pride and care in your work, and start to think about having a responsibility to do your best for the residents of Warrington (both North and South)

- The development will have a negative effect against the Health and well being of the current residents of South Warrington. This contradicts the work the WBC Health and Wellbeing Team are doing. Please communicate with other departments in WBC, and together rather than against each other.

- Why are all the developments scheduled for South Cheshire. There should be a fair spread of the housing developments across both North and South Warrington.

Overall we are very disappointed by the plans presented to us, and will continue to oppose the local plan until reasonable changes are made.

Regards

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