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Dear Sirs

As a resident in Grappenhall, I feel very strongly about the development plans you have for both my village and for Warrington as a whole.

Firstly, there is little support from Warrington residents for their town to become a City. There doesn't seem to be any advantage to our communities for your plans. Perhaps if our Town Centre had been supported more, it wouldn't have become so run down, with so many empty shops and the loss of Marks and Spencer, which has probably resulted in an adverse effect upon the turnover of the remaining shops, which we will probably see close down. Why do WBC think that creating a City will improve these problems?

I attended the Consultation meeting at Lymm - it was overcrowded and under represented by your planning staff. Indeed, depending on which one of them you asked the same question, you got a different response. We were particularly interested in the plans for the Trans Pennine Trail, which my daughters home backs onto. Each time we asked, we were told in quite a flippant manner that it was "just a line on a map", and not to worry about it. Well, if somebody told you that there was a line that went through your back garden on a plan, I'm sure that you WOULD worry!! The only way that most people have been made aware of the development plan is through flyers being posted through doors of every household in the area - surely WBC should have ensured that this was done to inform every resident in the borough of your intentions. A very poor show indeed.

Your housing plans to build a significant number of houses in Grappenhall is just unbelievable. Our lovely villages, which are all so individual in their own merits, are going to merge into one, with the loss of community spirit. This is what epitomises our Cheshire village of Grappenhall, and it will affect everyone who already lives in them. People who moved here for the village community will leave, and all these new houses won't be needed.

Which leads me to the Green Belt - again, part of our village heritage. Our children are going to lose so much of our lovely open countryside that they have grown up to love, as well as the wildlife that they have known. Not to mention the extra pollution in the air as a result of the loss of green space, increase in vehicles, and light pollution as a result of the proposed extra houses.

To finish, I would just like to reiterate on how heartbreaking it is for those families whose homes are under threat from your plans... these are peoples HOMES, not just houses, and I would urge you to re consider using the Trans Pennine Trail for any form of bypass, bus way, dual carriageway, or whatever it is that line means on the map! Maybe more information from you would have been useful, rather than trying to hide your true intentions with this land.

I sincerely hope that you listen to the good people of Warrington and re consider your plans - Warrington is a close knit town and we don't want to become an impersonal City, at any cost!

Yours faithfully,



The princi

pal reasons for objecting to the PDO are:

1.

The flawed vision for making Warrington a city

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The inadequacy of the Consultation process

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The miscalculation of the Housing needs

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The lack of exceptional circumstances for reclassifying the Green Belt

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