



As a resident of Grappenhall and a house that borders the disused railway line that has been marked as a transport route, I have several objections to this Plan that affect me directly due to the location of my house and indirectly due to changes that would massively impact the whole area. I must also object to the quality of consultation, whereby the draft proposals were released with little fanfare and were not communicated broadly to affected residents. I only was made aware due to a leaflet put through my letterbox. How is it possible that something which would impact me so directly was not communicated by the Council itself? This has no other interpretation than the Council's plans being a fait accompli with the consultation being just a box ticking exercise. The Council does not appear to want contributions from those directly affected – it sees us only as objectors whose concerns need to be bypassed as quickly as possible. This is not acceptable.

The proposed transport route that runs across the old railway line would have to involve the compulsory purchase of several houses (including most likely my own); the building of a high level bridge across the Manchester Ship Canal; the destruction of at least some of the Trans Pennine Trail and associated trees and wildlife not to mention the loss of this valuable amenity for locals to utilise – the overall cost of this would be enormous and totally disproportionate to any gains that may be incurred. I also note from recent news article that WBC is in no financial position, evidenced by Moody's two notch downgrading, to be able to afford such a scheme.

If we are forced to move then this would mean my children would have to move schools. This would impact on their continuity of education and have a detrimental effect on them.

Whilst the majority of Warrington has good air quality, there are areas close to major roads which have nitrogen dioxide levels exceeding national standards. What will be done to address this factor with the building of this new transport route? If my house does not have to be demolished, the impact of a major road next to my house, and the pollution this brings (air as well as noise), will have an obvious detrimental impact on mine and my children's health (one of whom suffers with asthma to the extent that this will force us to move – if this is actually affordable given the likely depreciation in value of our home once a major transport route is built next to it).

Traffic in and around Warrington can already be severe, and little information has been provided about the huge traffic implications of the new road(s). No evidence of computer modelling, environmental analysis or social impact has been provided. This is a crucial component, without which the plan cannot be fully assessed. The new housing will create even more intense traffic congestion and pollution, thus negating any benefit which might be accrued from the new roads, including the Western Link as well as the Grappenhall/Latchford proposed transport route.

Our garden backs onto the railway embankment and we often have bats flying around it at night. What will be done to safeguard these creatures, as well as all the others whose habitats will be removed along the embankment and significantly along the part of the Trans Pennine Trail which is earmarked for removal?

I do not object per se to the building of new homes – but the sheer numbers proposed in this Plan are astonishing. The scale of these proposals will completely change the character

of the area and destroy its history and heritage. The council has not explained what exceptional circumstances requires them to build on these green field sites, and in such number. Brown field sites should be exhausted before any consideration is given to building on green field.

Areas around the A50 are already affected by flooding - what steps will be taken to address the impact of construction work and new housing on flooding risks?

This Plan will be a disaster for myself, my family and the beautiful area I call home and I object to it in the strongest possible terms.

