

LDF

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 30 August 2017 14:35
To: LDF
Subject: FW: September the 12th Deadline....
Attachments: Objection Extension.docx

Dear All,

Please see below for logging but [REDACTED] is going to respond to this himself.

Regards,

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Transport and Operations

Warrington Borough Council, New Town House, Buttermarket Street, Warrington, WA1 2NH

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Dear [REDACTED]

The residents of Moore village (in common with a large percentage of WBC residents) have only just become privy to the WBC Preferred Development Option.

Those affected by the plans have noted the timing of the window for objections with interest. The dissemination of the planning information is in itself a point of interest: surely the simplest and most effective way to inform the residents of Warrington (most especially those likely to be affected) about the PDO would have been to send a leaflet/newsletter to every householder? This was not done. Instead, there seems to have been a very low key drip feeding of information, via media outlets which have only a small constituency.

Considering the size and nature of these far-reaching plans, it is a little strange to set the window for objections during the summer holidays. It is clearly the best time in order to attract the least number of objections, with the vast majority of people taking their annual holiday during this period.

Although some of your council officers have put a delay in the process down to the general election, the council should have set the consultation period for the autumn. After all, in the 2015 strategy document you state that you should be:

"Putting residents and customers at the heart of everything we do"

If you are trying to be "open, transparent and accountable" to your residents, why isn't the PDO easily and obviously accessible on your website? It is of such importance that there should be a hotbutton dedicated to it. Instead, one has to hunt for it, which unless you know exactly what you're looking for, takes ages.

When it comes to Moore residents, although we live in the adjacent borough, we are very much directly impacted by the PDO. The Parish Council received no information from WBC and residents such ourselves were left to discover the plans via Facebook. WBC should have made the have informed our Parish council at the same time as all the others. Instead we are left with less than half the allotted time in order to gather information and formulate any responses to the PDO. This is clearly unacceptable.

In view of the incredibly poor level of communication, the timing of the consultation and the sheer scale of the plans and numbers of people affected, I hereby formally request an extension to the 12th September closing date for the lodging of objections. If only for the affected residents of adjoining boroughs, an extension to 10th October, at the very least, should be mandated. I look forward to your soonest possible response. I have attached this letter in its original form in .docx format.

Yours sincerely,

[Redacted signature]

[Redacted contact information]



28th August 2017

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Warrington Borough Council,
New Town House,
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Warrington, WA1 2NH

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