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Dear Sir

I should like to register my opposition to the proposals relating to the above plan. I have been a warrington resident for the last [REDACTED] years and have voted in every national and local election a lifelong supporter of the [REDACTED]. It has been obvious since the early 1950"s that the priority for warrington"s development was a second crossing of the Mersey and since the 1980"s a second high level crossing of the canal and river. As each decade has passed I have watched in bewilderment as successive councils have failed to address these problems and as a consequence the traffic chaos has progressively strangled the town. There has been no cohesive development plan to improve the infrastructure or services so development has been allowed to progress in a haphazard and unsightly manner. It seems as though someone comes in one year with an out of town retail complex idea so it goes ahead regardless of siting, traffic, need or impact on the local area. The next year its another idea regarding a trading estate or car park all given the go ahead without any structured forward thinking. The result has been a town that offers very little to its residents. The town centre is one of the ugliest in the country .Should anybody be brave enough to battle through the traffic, pay the parking charges and seek out what retail shops are on offer they feel badly let down by the lack of choice and general run down nature of the town centre. Perhaps they are seeking entertainment or a meal well good luck to them. Dodge city was safer and had more options. You only have to look at the way Northwich has developed over the last 30 years and you can understand why very few people shop in warrington by choice.

The above plan is a classic example of this disjointed thinking. We need more houses someone is told so what we will do is trample all over any concept of green belt, disregard the requirement for affordable housing, and increasing demands for retirement homes and create a garden centre of £500,00 houses whose future residents will shop, relax, eat and generally spend money anywhere but in Warrington itself. My argument is that spending money by attracting more major retailers to Warrington, setting standards of behaviour, and enforcing them, and as a consequence attract a decent standard of restaurants and leisure facilities and utilise the only natural feature the town has ie. the waterfront by creating an area for outdoor leisure and eating would make far more sense than pandering to the demands of developers and proliferating the further sprawl of the town.

I would be grateful if you could pass these remarks on to the council and ask it re-consider. South Warrington has not even got 1 petrol station never mind these elaborate and fanciful proposals.

Regards

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