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Dear Sir/Madam

I would like to strongly object to the "preferred" development plan.

1 The "consultation" process has been a joke. Timing looks to be purposely picked for when most people are occupied with children off schools and with the holiday periods.

2 The "maps" oh my goodness, could these have been anymore vague and difficult to read? I suggest this was an attempt to further hamper any complaints, questions.

3 SAVE THE GREEN BELT !! That's why it is called the Green Belt its to be protected and kept GREEN except in "exceptional circumstances". What are your exceptional circumstances I wonder? People, families and communities need green space around them, for recreation and for their health and well being.

4 Housing - needs to be on brownfield sights first. ALL those need to be used and regenerated BEFORE you give in to developers demands for money making green belt. Using brownfield sites would also provide more affordable housing that is actually needed, rather than producing £4k properties. Its OUR green belt - we should decide if it is used. Can you quantify the number of houses in your plan, it seems excessively high?

5 I especially object to our historic villages being swallowed up whole in a "garden city" what a joke, losing character and community spirit. If houses are needed there must be a better way of doing it.

6 And while we are at it CITY ?!?! A BIG NO thank you from us. According to at least 52% of people taking your own survey. I assume if you take that survey again now people realised what City status would cost us, those against would be in the high 80% now.

7 May I remind Warrington Borough Council - you are working FOR the people of this TOWN not for the greedy developers.

8 Pollution !! Warrington is already high up in the most polluted places in the UK. We need traffic taking away from communitied not cutting straight through them ! [REDACTED]

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9 The Trans Pennine Trail - LEAVE IT ALONE !!

Source Wikipedea

The **Trans Pennine Trail** is a [long-distance path](#) running from coast to coast across [Northern England](#) entirely on surfaced paths and using only gentle gradients (it runs largely along disused [railway](#) lines and [canal towpaths](#)). It forms part of [European walking route E8](#) and is part of the [National Cycle Network](#) as Route 62 (referencing the [M62 motorway](#) which also crosses the Pennines).

The surface and gradients make it a relatively easy trail, suitable for [cyclists](#), [pushchairs](#) and [wheelchair](#) users. Some parts are also open to [horse riding](#).

The trail is administered from a central office in [Barnsley](#), which is responsible for promotion and allocation of funding. However, the twenty-seven [local authorities](#) whose areas the trail runs through are responsible for management of the trail within their boundaries.

We should be proud of the TPT we are very lucky to have it running through our TOWN and should be promoting and extending it not wrecking it. There has to be a place for green space and for wildlife to thrive. Very shortsighted !!

10 A crossing over the Manchester Ship canal in Grappenhall/Thelwall/Latchford, really .. is that necessary ? Cutting through communities. I say again traffic needs to be taken away and around the town not straight through it.

11 The lack of proper consultation, the timing of the release of information to a website has raised questions about the Councilors motives and connections with developers. There needs to be much more transparency and disclosure of links with the companies that stand to benefit from these plans. I think there is justification for an investigation to be made as outdated and unsubstantiated "facts" and figures were used again and again in the very hard to follow documentation.

12 A 20 year plan in our consistently changing world is unreasonable. Advances in technology is an unknown quantity.

A 10 year plan is a stretch enough. People are working from home much more now.

13 Your vision for Warrington is flawed and not what is needed or wanted. We have always been an industrial town. Now as time moves on and we have lost the industry and the pollution that goes along with it, we don't need other towns/cities traffic thundering through our heart.

There is a need to alleviate traffic through the town centre without a doubt. So talk to the people of Warrington and listen to what we think instead of the the developers who want to build build build and add to our woes. It is also important to take traffic surveys and air pollution tests before any attempt to build new roads.

I suppose you will be a bit busy to reply but I really hope you are listening.

Faitfully

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