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I am raising my objections to this plan by email as yet again the council have made it nearly impossible to feedback in any other way. Having presented at the planning meeting at the Parr Hall in June I am increasingly of the opinion that all these plans are the ambition of a council who do not wish to listen to their residents. The logic of the Garden City in today's climate of global warming and sustainability completely escapes me. Warrington has major inner city brown belt options but seems to be favouring the developers 'quick profit' greenbelt preference. We know that all these developments will rely on car usage. Warrington has one of the worst public transport systems and seems to have acknowledged this by the building of the eyesore multi storey car park. Air pollution in Warrington is recognised as being poor and yet the plans continue to favour South Warrington.

The idea that youngsters want to live in places where access to bars and nightlife requires expensive taxis or busses confounds me.

Around the Walled Garden there is a plethora of wildlife that the council have not sought professional guidance on. This is to be bulldozed and a park apparently being built elsewhere. Why this already greatly used area is not being considered as the park escapes me. It has the paths and is already established ecologically.

Finally my concern is on infrastructure; roads, hospitals, schools and Stockton Heath town centre are already at capacity. How the council can reconcile weighting all the build to the south whilst all the facilities are to the north fascinates me.

I call on the council to check that their ambition to be a city is one that is shared with its residents. I moved to Warrington to escape city life and be closer to nature. Your plans mean that the whole South Warrington area will become a housing estate, but to service what? The logistics and science park are pipe dreams. AstraZeneca has moved to Cambridge and Daresbury is growing slowly. Logistics is not highly paid and is again based on fossil fuelled transport.

I am really disappointed that democracy is being lost to political rhetoric. As a councillor so eloquently pointed out in June, we are wasting our time and the council have only showed us the courtesy to listen to our objections. South Warrington is full of educated, articulate people who care about society and the planet. I knew build would happen but was not expecting to be treated so badly. The arrogance shown by HCA consultants and the appalling communication to residents leaves me hugely concerned that my elected council are working to their own agenda.

I sincerely hope the council can step up their efforts to reassure an already cynical community that they have the interests of their residents as their priority.

Regards

