



Warrington Preferred Development Option

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We refer and respond to the published Warrington Preferred Development Option as follows;

1/ As published in the original draft by Warrington Council; I quote;- ' The disused railway from Grappenhall to Latchford'; Would be considered a preferred route for a major road link into Warrington.

The so called disused railway is in fact the Pennine Trail for one; As part of our historic heritage, an area of great importance, not only as an outstanding nature trail but a MAJOR recreation area used by hundreds or ramblers, dog walkers, cyclists and groups of school children; All of whom use this trail on a daily basis all year round. It is also classified as part of the European Walking route No. 8. I may also add that our property is only 10 Meters from the Trail Embankment.

The proposed destruction, levelling and road building beggars belief that your town planners have shown total disregard of the importance of the Pennine trail and the public users of this area of public recreation and the residents in this area, for whom have received No Proper Notification or Consultation as to the devastating impact this will have on the communities. Let alone the consequence of possible demolitions and devaluations of nearby properties, all of which we find abhorrent and totally unprofessional!

We note that the wording regarding the trail road has been removed. However, it still remains on the plan diagrams an NO ALTERNATIVE ROUTE PROPOSAL has been submitted. One can only assume that it still remains the preferred option! We can only conclude that the planners/ proposers of this plan have not only Total Disregard for an area of outstanding recreational importance but also the general public in Warrington.

As for the whole Preferred Development Option, Garden City;

2/ No proper thought and consideration has been applied to such a massive and unworkable development, for just a few reasons; Thousands of new homes will be created.....for whom? I would suggest the bulk of buyers will be outsiders, not local Warrington residents, who will need to commute. As a mean estimate there would be an increase of around 10,000 more vehicles to south west Warrington, plus service and delivery vehicles, all of which would cause total gridlock at peak times to the local roads and motorways. No consideration in the plan to deal with this and congestion overload going into Warrington.

School and health surgeries also in the plan. Where will you find extra doctors and teachers? Even existing surgeries and schools are unable to find new staff, let alone staff new facilities!, all of which could be made far worse with the conclusion of Brexit, where already foreign health workers are leaving!

All in all the Warrington Preferred Development plan is totally flawed and unworkable, no consideration or proper planning to handle a big rise in population or the inevitable traffic dilemma which will be inevitable. Pollution due to a massive increase in road traffic and total lack of vision in road management would need to be properly assessed.

Conclusion; The main beneficiaries of this plan would be the land owners and developers,

who will make their massive financial gains at the expense of us, the local residents.

