




13th June 2019

Local Plan Planning Policy and Programmes,
Warrington Borough Council
New Town House WA1 2NH

Dear Sirs,

In view of the proposal to implement a new version of the Warrington Local Plan commencing 2017 and inviting comments from the public. As a resident affected by the proposed plan, I would like to submit for your consideration my personal strong reaction to the plan proposals, which you intend to implement for the parish of Grappenhall.

As a resident  I now find it quite remarkable that Warrington Borough Council after so many years of failing and neglecting to provide and maintain basic public services are now submitting plans which they consider are necessary to meet the future commercial and housing needs of the Warrington area. My reaction to that is – put right now, what is patently obvious to the residents of Grappenhall. If the matter wasn't so serious, I consider it would be irresponsible of the Warrington Borough Council to proceed with their intention to submit the plan for approval. Let me illustrate my concerns.

- (1) If the proposed building of 4000/5000 houses on Green land were to take place in Grappenhall, it would immediately release possibly another 8000 cars on the already heavily congested A50. The access route to the proposed housing development is via two narrow hump backed bridges (totally unsuitable even for present day traffic) before they can re - gain access to the main A50 and A56 roads. Have the authorities carried out any traffic census to record (at peak times) the density and volume of commercial vehicles and cars using the A50? Taking into consideration this is a totally residential area which the A50 runs through, a person has only to stand by the roadside for a few minutes to know what a health hazard they are experiencing from vehicle exhaust fumes.

(2)

Another concern is the absence of pedestrian control crossings particularly on the A50. Have the authorities ever considered the plight of pedestrians endeavouring to cross the A50 at Grappenhall and has any survey ever been carried out to establish the need for additional pedestrian crossing points, to allow residents to safely cross the road. I suspect it has never been considered. Increase in traffic volumes which will be inevitable if the application to build an industrial site at the Junction of the M56 and M6 was allowed, along with the proposed housing development, it will lead to absolute traffic chaos. The existing local road infrastructure is totally inadequate to meet the safety standards required for motor and commercial vehicles. Regarding the ever-increasing number of cyclists who want to enjoy getting into the countryside via Church Lane and Broad Lane, what road safety measures do the authorities intend to make.

Cycle lanes would certainly become essential due to the vast increase in traffic movements and the present narrow rural roads being unsuitable to accommodate the increase in traffic movements.

Also, to be taken into consideration is the impact the proposed housing development will have on local families with young children and older residents who will be denied the pleasure of visiting the one and only haven for parents to take their young children. The Warrington Borough Council, I feel, have failed dismally to provide in Grappenhall open space for leisurely pursuits.

I am sure there are many other valid reasons why the application by the Warrington Borough Council should not be allowed.

