



30 May 2019

Local Plan
Planning Policy and Programmes
Warrington Borough Council
New Town House
Buttermarket Street
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Dear Sir/Madam

I am writing to express my concerns regarding the proposed local plan for South Warrington and its impact on the villages concerned.

Use of Green Belt and Environmental Impact

There is no justification for the use of the greenbelt land in South Warrington when there are brownfill sites still available which have not been used. The removal of the greenbelt would destroy the individual character of the villages making one giant urban sprawl.

The people in South Warrington paid a premium price for their houses so they could enjoy the benefits of the great outdoors by walking, cycling and enjoying the wildlife thus enabling them to keep themselves healthy in mind and body and therefore placing less stress on an already overworked NHS.

The increased development on this scale is deeply concerning in a town which is already known to have one of the worse air qualities in the country with the increased traffic and fumes adding further to the pollution and impacting people's health further.

The loss of habitat for many important species doesn't appear to have been considered in this Plan.

Infrastructure

Warrington is enclosed by motorways, the Manchester Ship Canal and the River Mersey . Anybody who tries to get across town in rush hour will have experienced the standing traffic on the M6 and the absolutely chaos caused when something happens on the Viaduct .

Our town is currently served by antiquated Victorian swing bridges which in turn cause further traffic congestion. This will not improve when Peel Ports 'up' their usage of the Ship Canal once Port Warrington is created.

The planned distribution centres in South Warrington will again add to the congestion on the roads as the people employed in these centres are unlikely to be able to afford to buy property in South Warrington causing more congestion on our already over crowded roads as workers commute from North to South.

There seems to be no detail on new health and welfare facilities. We already have an overstretched hospital system with people having to travel to hospitals 'out of town' causing stress and concern for the elderly. Doctors surgeries are already struggling with the increased demands on their time with more and more doctors resigning weekly because of the stress of the demands that are put on them. There appears to be nothing in the plan to suggest how new facilities will be funded or built.

Economic Growth

The targets proposed by those developing the plan seem to be well above government housing targets which makes one question the motives of the people involved.

I see no justification for destroying the ecology and character of the greenbelt when there are still brownfield sites available to be used.

I hope the Planners will reconsider and amend their plans accordingly.

Yours sincerely

