

Warrington Local Plan Consultation

In the last five years the amount of countryside lost to housing has almost doubled. Whereas as Rebecca Pullinger, a Campaign to Protect Rural England campaigner states, "Increasing focus on building on brown field land can breathe new life into towns and cities and represents the most sustainable location for building the homes we need."

The Plan is not properly justified; reducing Warrington's Green Belt by 11% and lacks adequate environmental impact assessment. Road planning is vague concerning the A49 north and the proposed dual carriageway parallel to the M56 would just add to commercial traffic congestion. Existing infrastructure, especially the 3 Victorian swing bridges, is already overstretched, likely to worsen pollution and congestion. No proposals are convincing how access to the town centre will be improved.

The loss of 600 acres of Green Belt seems of most benefit to the developers. Only 30% of housing would be affordable to many. Many workers would be forced to commute from outside the area adding to congestion and air pollution.

Building using town brown field sites for housing would help town centre shopping and business regeneration and enable easy access to both railway stations. Additionally this would reduce the detrimental impact on the environment, infrastructure and Green Belt of South Warrington.

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