



Dear Sirs,

It is to our amazement, that we only found out about the Preferred Local Development Plan last week from a neighbour and only now do we understand the massive impact that these proposals will make, albeit for the worst, in the area in which we live.

Firstly, we are of the opinion that WBC have not advertised these proposals in the correct manner, giving little consideration to the residents of South Warrington, it has been a very poor consultation. Yes there might have been various consultations set up, but these were all over a very short period of time and during the school summer holidays when many parents, residents etc. would have been on holiday.

Secondly, there are many reasons why this preferred local development plan should be stopped now:

Significant loss of Greenbelt, landscape, ancient woodland, woodland rural character and wildlife. Loss, destruction and / or alteration of heritage assets and local village character and architectural distinctiveness e.g. listed buildings, ancient monuments, ancient woodland.

There are already few too many open green areas in Warrington and the plans to build on greenbelt land will turn a desirable rural landscape into a very undesirable one.

Warrington's rural landscape will just become characterless, as many very built up towns already are and will put the rural landscape under threat.

Traffic congestion / transportation: result in intensive and destructive road works throughout ALL Warrington both north + south.

Warrington is already over congested and you might think that this is a cause to build new roads as specified in the plan, however, all this will create is yet more congestion, particularly with lorries and heavy goods vehicles cutting through from the motorways, to avoid the town centre. This will cause even more congestion within the residential areas.

Latchford + Bridgewater Canal listed bridges and under-pass under very severe threat of widening, alteration, demolition.

This is our biggest concern. If you go ahead and build all of the proposed new housing stock as indicated in the plan, then presumably you will look to build new roads throughout the south of Warrington, which will massively impact on the existing residential areas. The derelict railway bridge over the Manchester Ship canal was built for the use of trains, it was not designed for motor vehicles and never should be. Suggesting that this structure could become a road bridge for motor vehicles is a nonsense. The

widening of this road would result in existing properties in the areas concerned being demolished to accommodate the new road, you would therefore have built new homes just to demolish existing ones. There would be more noise pollution, more air pollution and residents would be living next to a big eyesore, which would impact on house prices massively. The area would go from being a desirable area in which to live, to being a very undesirable place to live and it is the existing residents here now, that will suffer the most. Also, if this road were to link up from Bridge Foot to the M6 motorway, this would just be a cut through for all lorries and heavy goods vehicles which regularly cut through the town already. The Trans Pennine Way would be lost and this currently gives residents from all over Warrington, access to the open countryside, on foot or bicycle rather than by car, to if you like, get away from it all. It is used by many walkers, families, children etc. for leisure purposes and this would be lost. This would be a great shame, as would the loss of one of the town's current and long standing landmarks, the railway bridge over the Manchester ship canal.

Warrington is a town and should remain so, we can't help but think that this "proposed garden city" in the south of Warrington, is all to add to the town's claim that they are in fact a city and not a town. This again is nonsense, Warrington is a town and always will be. If asked the question, the majority of residents in the town would agree that it is and should always be a town and never a city.

We hope that the council will reconsider the Preferred Local Development Plan and think about the existing residents, what they want and how this will affect them, rather than attempting to make the town become something that it's not.

Your faithfully,

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