

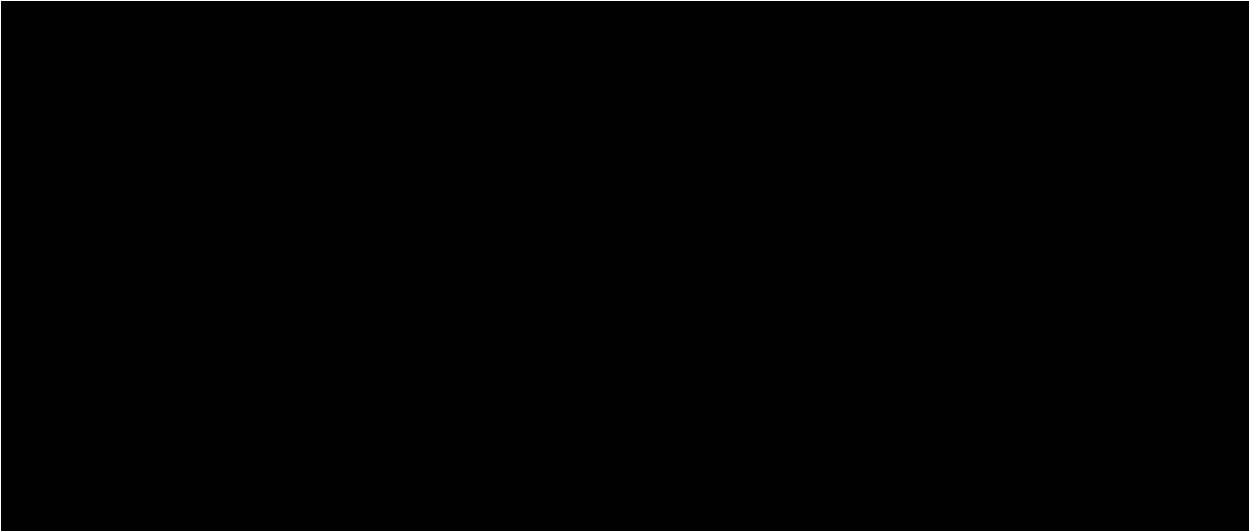


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Please find my comments (in a letter) on the proposed Local Plan. You will note that I am opposed to the development of the Green Belt in South Warrington and do not believe enough consideration has been given to the development of brownfield sites and the river corridor and town centre. It strikes me the easy option is to lay out roads on farmers field and open space, then offered to housing developers. Restoring brownfield sites such as Fiddlers Ferry Power Station will be environmentally challenging but worth it in the end. No mention of it in the plan.

Regards,





Dear Sirs,

With regard to the Local Plan Consultation I have now studied the Preferred Development Option and attended a number of consultation meetings and make the following observations.

1. The idea to release Green Belt land does not seem appropriate as the attraction of Warrington is the semi-rural aspects of much of the Borough. This farmland and parkland was what attracted me to the area 20 years ago and is a big draw for the town. Development of Brownfield sites must be considered a priority.
2. Your own plan admits that limited use is made of the waterfront and today little access is available to the River Mersey. More should be made of the opportunities to develop land for appropriate housing on the waterfront.
3. Why is there no mention of the vast brownfield site that is Fiddlers Ferry Power Station which will almost certainly be closed soon. Surely the restoration of this site would be considered with its proximity to the River.
4. Finally I see no point in promoting Warrington as a City when Liverpool and Manchester are far superior culturally and within 20 minutes train ride from Warrington.

Yours faithfully

