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Dear sirs

I'm writing to you to register my objections in response to the recently announced proposed Preferred Development Option (PDO) produced by Warrington Borough Council (WBC) for South Warrington , my thoughts are as follows:

1. Approximately 9,000 new homes are to be constructed on existing Green Belt Land which is currently being used for agricultural purposes and should continue to do so , surely existing Brown Field sites in the Warrington area should be considered first and Green Belt Land to be secured for as long as possible .
2. Many varieties of animals , birds and insects live in these areas of Green Belt Land , several of which (bats, Great Crested Newts,water voles etc) are protected species and no building or construction work is allowed in their habitats , will WBC conveniently overlook this issue in their misguided grand plan of constructing enough homes to enable Warrington to be classed as a "City" . Regarding the title of "City " I myself have lived in the Warrington area [REDACTED] and I have never ever once heard anyone state that they would want Warrington to become a "City" so why should a few planners in WBC think that this is what Warrington residents want ?
3. Over the next 20 years approximately 20-24,000 new houses are planned to be built in total , who do WBC actually think are going to live in or own these properties ? is the present population of Warrington expected to increase so much over the coming years ? or are they expecting a mass influx of people from outside of the Warrington area?, which ever is the case where are all the additional play schools, schools, Doctors, Medical Centres & Hospitals located that will have to be available to cater for all these people?
4. Most modern families these days generally have at least 2 cars down the drive and most due to having children who are 17 years or older still at home have additional vehicles, so aside from the internal road infrastructures that will be constructed on the individual new housing estates, where are the new local roads to cater for all this additional traffic? And why have no new Bus lanes and stations or Train/ Tram networks been considered (or planned) to get people out of their vehicles and onto public transport to reduce the traffic on the roads.
5. Another unbelievable scenario that has been proposed by WPD is to convert a section of the existing high level Pennine Trail through Latchford, Grappenhall and Thelwall into some kind of elevated road way. To construct this thoroughfare would mean that the

trail would have to be widened considerably , to achieve this, allegedly, some houses in Grappenhall would be issued with Compulsory Purchase Orders (CPO) and (assuming the former residents have moved out !!) the properties demolished to enable the new road way to be constructed. This is an outrageous proposal and must never be allowed to go ahead, the existing residents in these areas must already be feeling sick with worry that their properties have already fallen in value in monetary terms and will become unsellable. In addition to this where will they move to if this proposal goes ahead ? these residents must be so worried right now and more so over the next few years as to what will happen to them and their homes, but this is another example of the uncaring attitude of the WPD planners who have no empathy or consideration for the Warrington residents who they are being paid to provide a safe and secure enviroment for !!

6. The aforementioned road is supposed to continue up towards the M6 and join onto Knutsford Road, all this road will achieve is that more vehicles will head through Warrington to avoid the viaduct and more so when there is bad weather or an accident on the Viaduct , which seems to happen more often these days. Why cant a new road be built generally in the same area but in parrallell with the viaduct over the ship canal and connect onto Manchester Road in Woolston ? There are very few properties in this area of the West side of the viaduct, and as well as helping with the additional traffic due to the increase in the new houses it will help to stop the local areas getting gridlocked when the viaduct is broken.
7. Generally this whole process and proposal of the PDO has been carried out underhandedly and unproffesionaly by WPD , the fact that it was announced during the School holidays speaks volumes of the attitude of WBC who think that they have carried out their due diligence. Hopefully the PDO is not yet set in stone , but there must be consultations with the Warrington residents and businesses before anything is confirmed and any work begins

Bets regards

