

Rethinking South Warrington's Future
WARRINGTON LOCAL PLAN EXAMINATION
Respondent Reference Number 0443

Matter 6f Joint Statement on the East West Connectivity

I am writing on behalf of Rethinking South Warrington's Future in relation to the Joint Statement about East West Connectivity between SEWUE and SEWEA issued by Home's England, Miller Homes and WBC.

Rethinking South Warrington's Future are disappointed and dismayed to see the contents of this document that introduces significant and unacceptable proposals at this late stage of the Examination in Public.

At one level we are not surprised to see the emergence of this disruptive and damaging mass transit route as we have suspected for some time that this was a hidden part of a "master plan" being discussed between statutory organisations and developers.

We would like to emphasise the terrible impact this will have upon residents across the whole of Warrington and those in South Warrington in particular.

Firstly, the proposed linkage roads will open up this part of the town to the movement of HGVs from the M56 to the proposed SEWEA resulting in a fundamental change in the character of this area as well as a significant diminution in air quality. Please remember that these impacts will be on top of the additional traffic and air pollution brought by the building of the 1000s of new homes proposed in the local plan.

Once again the maps provided in this document are sub-standard and very difficult to interpret (this has been the case in all documentation produced by WBC thought the entire local plan process) This is unacceptable as it means that the public are not properly informed.

What does seem evident however is that these proposed new roads will be very close to the new housing currently being built, or planned in the current draft plan,. Given Warrington's existing poor quality we maintain that it is unacceptable to be planning roads such as these so close to where we know people will be living in the future due to the potential impact upon the health of local residents

We note the comments related to cycle paths and walking routes. Once again however we see that these appear to have been added as some kind of "box tick" as they appear to have no real purpose in terms of community development or links to key infrastructure such as schools, health services or local amenities. We understand that there are plans being put in place to provide public transport from elsewhere in Warrington for people who are likely to work at the proposed SEWEA and therefore question why transport links are needed from the SEWUE.

We would urge the planning inspector to advise WBC to plan infrastructure that meets the needs of local residents and supports the growth of local communities rather than providing "quicker" links through greenbelt to avoid traffic continuing to

use the existing motorway infrastructure, which in all likelihood would take a shorter length of time.

RSWF are once again disappointed to see WBC and partners putting forward ill thought out proposals which pay no regard to the needs or wishes of local residents and which are contrary to planning guidance.

Yours faithfully

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