


MOORE PARISH COUNCIL



18th October, 2021

Dear Sir/Madam ,

Re: Proposed Submission Version Local Plan

We write in response to the above on behalf of the residents of Moore (population – just over 800 residents)

Moore Parish Council support the proposed plans, as they affect the area around the Village of Moore.

The retention of Green Belt will not only control urban sprawl, as is the primary intention but will also retain quality agricultural land to serve the local area for the future and protect an established bio-diverse area.

The increasing focus on climate change and the impact on food supplies with the associated negative environmental impacts of food transport should give increased weight to locally positioned land for agriculture and the plan proposed allows for that.

The Nature Reserve and the green open corridor surrounding the Bridgewater Canal connecting through to Walton Hall Gardens provide an area of open countryside for leisure / observing nature / walking / cycling activities within easy access of the adjacent urban area. The pandemic has shown the importance of these “break out” spaces for both physical and mental well- being; the use of these areas over the Covid period is testimony to their importance.

The Nature Reserve is a vital environmental feature providing a rich bio-diversity. The recent reports underlining the shortfall of bio-diversity within the UK and the need to address the issue at the Planning stage reinforce the requirement for such areas to be protected, retained and enhanced.

Moore is an historic village with a number of fine Listed Buildings and the retention of Green Belt / open space around it maintains the landscape visual setting of such.

Yours faithfully,

Moore Parish Council

Catherine J. Fitch

Clerk to Moore Parish Council

