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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 22 May 2019 10:11
To: Debbie Reynolds
Subject: Objection to the WARRINGTON BOROUGH COUNCIL (OMEGA TO BURTONWOOD ACCESSIBILITY IMPROVEMENTS) COMPULSORY PURCHASE ORDER 2019

Importance: High

Morning Debbie

Please find below a non-statutory objection email we have received from Mr Abbey, regarding this Compulsory Purchase Order.

Mr Abbey has been advised that only points 3 and 4 of his email, regarding the effect of the scheme on local public transport and the resulting effect on access to schools and housing, would be considered by the Secretary of State. He has also been provided with a copy of the Council's Statement of Reasons to review.

Kind regards,

Claire



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From: alex abbey [REDACTED]
Sent: 17 May 2019 17:32
To: NATIONALCASEWORK <NATIONALCASEWORK@dft.gov.uk>
Subject: FAO Secretary of state for transport

I wish to formally object to
WARRINGTON BOROUGH COUNCIL (OMEGA TO BURTONWOOD ACCESSIBILITY
IMPROVEMENTS) COMPULSORY PURCHASE ORDER 2019

Compulsory Purchase of Land in the vicinity of Burtonwood Road and Clay Lane between
the Village of Burtonwood and The Omega North Development, Warrington

My Name is Alexander Abbey
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I Agree that the council has a duty to improve transport links and believe that they may have to do something with regards to cycle and walkways within the village,

My objection to the compulsory purchase of the land is on the grounds that

1, The chosen route is not a good use of public monies, purchasing properties upon the route is not required to enable access to the employment area. Historical access has been available to the site via wrights lane off joy lane and this would negate the need to spend a significant sum purchasing property.

2, The scheme could have been built into the section 106 agreements and paid for not by borrowing monies and encumbering future generations of the town with debt. There will be lots of land being released for building in and around Burtonwood as well as over 2000 already build within what was the old village boundaries. Surely this should have been paid for in advance of development or the granting of further permitted development rights.

3, The scheme will allow the council to remove transport to the local secondary school for pupils from the village and beyond. This will result in the further costs to young families wishing to set up home to the sum of a minimum of £350 per pupil per year, the current cost of a bus pass for students in the town. It will also remove the direct feeder school status for the local primary school to one of the best schools in the town. With rapid development around Great Sankey High School, parents will be left with no bus, no direct access to secondary schooling and the possibility of children being sent all over Warrington for their secondary education. Also there is a very real possibility that families will have siblings at various schools across the borough.

4, The village has an aging population with little to encourage inward migration from other areas of the town. This path will further discourage young families

form migrating into the village as school access is sited as a main reason that house prices in the village are significantly suppressed.

5, It is also significant that the neighbouring boundary authority St Helens, has just passed a local plan to build up to 3000 new homes and 20 acres of warehouses yet will not be contributing to the development of the pathways and highways in the village despite increasing significantly the amounts of traffic.

6, Surely as in other parts of the town a skeleton bus service at minimal costs, during shift changeovers, to the user can be provided as it is done for every other area in the town? This would negate the need for anyone to use the footpath, would be safe and maintain the school links and would cost significantly less than the millions that are going to be spent and then charged back to the residents.

7, It could also save significant amounts of monies by going solely through agricultural land and not purchasing properties at inflated prices via compulsory purchase, utilising existing footpaths and disused roads and putting in adequate lighting and security cameras.

8, More people walk and cycle down Farmers and Tan house Lane to access omega from the village than use the clay lane route. This is because it is central to the village and easier to access or all. It is also considerably more dangerous for pedestrians, cyclists and drivers alike. Yet this scheme will do little to negate the problems that are there.

9, I as a land owner bordering nearly 70% of the proposed route offered the land and the development of all footpaths and cycle ways out of the village towards omega along 2 clear routes servicing all of the village, not just a remote end and infrequently used foot and cycle route. This was to be the cornerstone of releasing land for permitted development and would have been cost free to the council and its residents. The land proposed for development already has historical permitted development rights and would be ideal as not to add further pressure to a crumbling infrastructure within the village itself.

10, I agree that the council need to provide adequate transport links in and out of the village. I just think that this is an ill conceived idea placing financial burden on the residents when it can be built for zero cost by adjusting the local plans for development. Not necessarily my land as I do not particularly want to

move or sell but by using effective 106 agreement monies and ensuring that they are adhered too when planning is granted.

The council has therefor, I feel, failed in its duty to do due diligence in the proposal and needs to answer how this will not have a detrimental effect on the residents of Burtonwood, both financially and with regards to transport for its younger and older generation.

Regards

Alex Abbey

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