

Warrington Local Plan: Response to proposed housing south side of Warrington

As residents of [REDACTED] Appleton Thorn, I and my husband have the following comments to make in respect of the above plan, which, if implemented, would adversely affect our home and the quality of life in our village, Appleton, Grappenhall and the surrounding area of South Warrington.

My husband and I strongly object on several counts:

The proposed 'Garden City Suburb' includes several hundred houses in plots encompassing Grappenhall and Appleton Thorn. This will join these villages to the south of Warrington, destroying the concept of 'inset villages', a policy that was designed to prevent infill and urban sprawl and to protect green belt land. Have these ideals been completely abandoned?

This proposal includes 600+ houses [REDACTED] on an area that extends to the edge of the M6 and M56 motorways. I am astonished that the pollution and noise generated could be tolerated by anyone who would buy such houses, or that it is legally acceptable to subject people to it. Is that where they intend to put the 'AFFORDABLE' housing?! We are about a [REDACTED] away and the M56 can be extremely intrusive in our back garden

All these houses will generate enormous increases in traffic flow. This proposal is basically creating a huge dormitory area in south Warrington, so the daily outflow and influx will be huge and all by car. The public transport services in the area are poor (the schedule, not the reliability – there are barely any buses), there are no full connecting cycle and pathways, so everyone from the new housing will be leaving and entering by car, increasing pollution, congestion and risk from motorised traffic to those on foot/cycles

This housing also has an entrance onto Arley Road. All commuter traffic from here would have to go up to Stretton Road and along that or the Grappenhall Lane to the motorway junctions. These areas are already congested at peak times and increasingly over the last 10 years at random times of the day. The Stretton Road is used as a rat run if the M56 traffic is heavy and/or stationary, which is another increasingly regular occurrence.

All the traffic from these houses must go past the primary school on the corner of Chapel Lane, which will presumably have to be increased in size due to the huge increase in the village population (not that Appleton Thorn would be a village anymore). This would massively increase the potential risks for children, parents, staff, residents and visitors.

As two of many residents who have lived and worked in this area for over [REDACTED] years, we are angry that these proposals take no account of us: for the reasons we chose where we live and paid for that privilege. Our lifestyles and quality of life will be irrevocably damaged. This is not development for the better of the community in Warrington. It is allowing developers to purchase and profit from easy development land, instead of improving and developing existing poor quality and derelict urban areas within the town's existing boundaries. There are plenty of

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