

15th September 2019

Director of Planning
Planning Policy and Programmes
Warrington Borough Council
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Dear Sir


Ref: Warrington Borough Council Local Plan

I wrote to you back in September 2017 to outline my concerns with, and objections to, the proposed local plan. Having read the latest draft of the plan it seems that you have not really listened to local residents and very little has changed.

I am sure you have had plenty of letters and emails already outlining the problems that local residents have with the plan, including:

- economic growth forecasts that seem wildly optimistic.
- exaggerated housing forecasts.
- hugely exaggerated employment numbers and salary forecasts for new employees of the logistics and distribution development alongside the M56.
- housing location and affordability (why not use brownfield sites to build truly affordable houses for local residents rather than high value homes for 'out of town' commuters).
- release of the green belt land without meeting the strengthened protection rules
- the additional air pollution that will undoubtedly be caused by the release of the green belt land.
- a transport infrastructure plan that is 'sketchy' at best with a promise to review as the development takes place. Surely a recipe for disaster?
- lack of thought for proper cycle infrastructure for the existing town before any new development takes place.

All of these are perfectly valid points.

As a resident  I am extremely concerned about how this development is going to drastically alter the character of Grappenhall, Thelwall, Appleton Thorn and Stretton.

From a purely personal point of view; I am keen cyclist and walker and love the fact that within minutes of leaving my house and I can be out in the countryside; whether it's along the Trans Pennine Trail, the Bridgewater Canal or up through Grappenhall Wood to Broad Lane. Should this development go ahead all of this will be threatened.

I have loved living in [REDACTED] and really thought my wife and I would happily retire here. Should this plan go ahead we will have to seriously consider moving away from the area.

Please do not let this happen.

Yours faithfully,

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