



Dear [redacted]

I write in response to your recent email to the Leader of the Council Councillor Terry O'Neill. I am very happy to provide you with more detail on how we are looking to improve transport in Warrington.

The Preferred Development Option sets out at a very broad level the scale of development proposed in the Local Plan and goes on to suggest areas or corridors where new or improved transport infrastructure may be required to support this growth. The Preferred Development Option suggests that a number of the development areas will need significant infrastructure in place before development can proceed such as the Garden City Suburb in south Warrington and the Waterfront Area. As well as helping to support development some of the infrastructure required will help address existing transport issues such as congestion in the town centre and other key parts of the network. The feedback obtained during this consultation period from residents and stakeholders on all matters including transport will be taken on board as we move from the Preferred Development Option into the Draft Local Plan later next year. From a transport perspective this will involve detailed work on the transport implications of the proposed development plan.

In relation to addressing congestion we have an ongoing need to improve and enhance our transport system to provide a more reliable network for all transport users in Warrington. We have an annual programme of Local Transport Plan (LTP) improvements which are aimed at better managing our network through junction improvements safety schemes and measures which promote walking cycling and public transport as alternatives to the car. This programme is delivered through a relatively small annual government grant of around £1.5m per annum provided for these purposes.

In addition to these LTP schemes we continually strive to bring in investment for transport improvements in the borough. Over recent years we have been successful in attracting significant levels of external funding into major transport improvements in the borough. This external funding now totals over £35m which is helping to deliver a programme of major schemes valued in excess of £60m. The schemes include the recently completed Birchwood Pinchpoint scheme the M62 J8 improvements currently on site and committed schemes programmed for delivery such as Warrington West Station Centre Park Link and Warrington East Phase 2 highway improvements.

If you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind Regards

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Subject: Infrastructure - WBC Local Plan

I thank you for your reply to my email of 13.8.2017 and for the links to the various documents relating to the Local Plan.

I had already looked at the documents in some depth before I email you and no where can I find that roads will be upgraded before houses are built. I was also told by someone from WBC Highways Dept that the infrastructure in the Plan 'would not cover existing problems.' I was particularly asking about Highways infrastructure, not schools, hospitals, etc.

The Warrington Guardian quoted you as saying 'we need to get rid of congestion', which would imply that you consider the existing roads are not coping.

No one can deny Warrington can so easily become a car park, the recent closure of Thelwall Viaduct being a prime example. So I will, respectfully, ask again what plans, if any, do the Council have to do away with the existing congestion before more property is built? What exactly did you base your promise on?

Regards

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Thank you for your email.

In response to your question re infrastructure the Local Plan Preferred Development Option sets out how the Council proposes to meet the need for new homes and jobs in Warrington over the next 20 years. The timely provision of infrastructure is critical to the Council's proposals. The Council has undertaken an extensive assessment of the borough's existing infrastructure – including primary schools secondary schools health facilities open space community facilities and roads and public transport – as part of the process of preparing the Preferred Development Options.

The assessment of infrastructure is contained in the settlement profiles which are available on the Council's web site.  
[https://www.warrington.gov.uk/info/201368/local\\_plan\\_review/2347/local\\_plan\\_review\\_-\\_supporting\\_documents](https://www.warrington.gov.uk/info/201368/local_plan_review/2347/local_plan_review_-_supporting_documents)

This assessment has enabled us to understand the impacts of new development on existing infrastructure and to confirm the additional infrastructure which will be required to support development as well as the timing of the provision of that infrastructure. The Preferred Development Option sets out how the Council proposes to plan positively to ensure that new infrastructure is delivered over the 20 year plan at the right time to serve new development.

Full details of the Preferred Development Option including details on how to respond to the current consultation are on our website.  
<https://www.warrington.gov.uk/localplanreview>

Kind regards,

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You were quoted in the Warrington Guardian as saying 'nothing would be built until the infrastructure was in place'.

I attended the Consultation Meeting held in Winwick, asked if the statement made by yourself meant that the congestion on the roads surrounding Warrington would be addressed before thousands more cars were unleashed. The indication I got was that this would not be the case.

I would, therefore, respectfully, request that you define what you meant by 'infrastructure'?

I look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards

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