From:
To: Local Plan

Subject: LP- PSV from K McAloon, on behalf of Appleton Thorn Village

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Warrington Local Plan Team WBC & Government Inspector

Dear Sirs,

I already made a submission on behalf of Appleton Thorn Village community groups but I would like to supplement this as recent news about closing Fiddlers Ferry next year could be important in WBC finding a less stressful solution to finding appropriate land for building commercial premises.

Given SSEs recent announcement that Fiddlers Ferry Power station will close down on 31/3/2020, it is our opinion that Warrington Council should, with immediate effect, review its Local Plan and investigate this location as a viable brownfield alternative to releasing and building on GB land in the Appleton Thorn and Grappenhall area. It would help replace the unacceptable and unsound plan to ruin the rural character and landscape of S Warrington as a whole especially sacrificing precious Green Belt land. This is an important part of the green lungs of Warrington, our town which desperately needs to reverse its pollution profile and reputation as the worst town in the country for the emission of 2.5 micron particulates which cause serious respiratory and cardiac disease. Can I say our village community is ashamed and fearful of Warrington's dreadful pollution record and will expect all viable pollution reduction strategies to be implemented by our Council. This must be in line with a new environmental mandate of a legally binding Clean Air Act (The Times, June 15 2019) likely to be set by our government in order to meet new radical clean air targets based on tougher WHO guidelines.

Multimodal transport connectivity (road, waterway, rail) would also improve making the West Warrington/ Widnes area a much more commercially attractive proposition for potential clients to base transport businesses.

We would entreat you to give full consideration to our suggestion and we look forward to your response.

Yours sincerely,

Dr Kevin T McAloon

on behalf of the Appleton Thorn community