



12 June 2019

Local Plan  
Planning Policy and Programmes  
Warrington Borough Council  
New Town House  
Buttermarket Street  
Warrington  
WA1 2NH

**Re: Consultation on Proposed Submission Version Local Plan**

Dear Sirs

With regard to the above I feel I must object for the following reasons:-

I have lived in Warrington all of my life and remember the creation of the New Town in the 1970s. I understand that new housing is required for the future of the town but in the 1970s new areas of the town were created from nothing; this is in complete contrast to today's vision of taking existing villages in the south of the town and destroying their personalities by combining them to create a garden suburb. The residents in Warrington South have paid a premium to live here and we do not want our beautiful environment to become another Westbrook or Birchwood type of housing estate.

You are not committed to prioritise brownfield land, by your admission in the proposal, and say that Green Belt land WILL BE REQUIRED within the first 5 years of the plan. This, as we all know, is far more profitable land and will be sought after by developers in favour of the brownfield land which may be left undeveloped.

We have a MASSIVE traffic problem exacerbated when the M6 is closed. With only 3 Victorian swing bridges and a crumbling cantilever bridge to take us over the Manchester ship canal, and single track bridges to take us over or under the Bridgewater canal no matter how many more roads you build they will all converge at these points making traffic problems even worse. There is no new route proposed into Warrington from the south east.

The same applies to motorway junctions. At commuter times it can take an hour to travel from the Springbrook pub to Poplars roundabout; the proposed addition of hundreds more lorries from a new warehouse distribution centre off Grappenhall Lane will not help as the same argument applies- no matter how many roads you build they will all converge at junction 10 of the M56 or Poplars roundabout. The motorway services adds to this problem.

The addition of the warehouse distribution park will also bring hundreds more cars to south Warrington each day, travelling across town from home to work and back.



I applaud your vision for the town centre. Having lived in Warrington for [redacted] years I am loyal and protective of it. However I am tired of defending it and have to admit that it is an absolute dump and I am now ashamed of it.

Town centre housing is the way forward, especially for young people, and I look forward to the renovation of our town centre. This should be your priority.

I cannot understand your reasons for a 20 year plan period as you are only required to project for 15 years. With the country exiting the EU how can you be sure how many residents Warrington will have in the future? [redacted] and then witnessed the construction of the new roads around Pewterspear for housing, some of which were never finished as housing requirement ceased. This was obviously due to false projection figures.

**I don't think you have any justification for your predicted growth and I fail to see how the supporting infrastructure can be delivered with the number of canals and motorways around South Warrington obstructing it.**

Please carefully look at all objections as we do not want our little bit of the world ruined forever by greedy developers.

Yours faithfully



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