



Warrington Borough Council
East Annex Town Hall
Sankey Street,
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Re: Updated Proposed Submission Version Local Plan

I am writing to you as a local resident who, together with many neighbours and visitors will be adversely affected by your proposed local plan. I have lived and raised a family in Thelwall over the last 50 years and feel this qualifies me to inform you that your proposed plan for **Policy MD5 Thelwall Heys** will damage the character of a beautiful area.

This is acknowledged high quality agricultural land which supports a great variety of wildlife in the ancient hedgerows and mature trees. The position of this parcel of land adjacent to the Bridgewater Canal and the Trans Pennine Trail (TPT) gives the public an open space away from the built up environment. During the pandemic when we have been restricted to 'stay local', the canal tow path and the TPT have been greatly enjoyed as a recreational area for walkers, joggers, cyclists together with people using the water for boating and fishing. The beautiful farmland of **Thelwall Heys** gives open views and vistas offering young and old the ideal escape from the everyday.

Thelwall Heys was put into the greenbelt by Warrington Borough Council approximately 20 years ago when all land in the Warrington area was classified. The Council made this decision correctly so why should it be so quickly taken out of the greenbelt?

The Council needs to build within the town on brownfield sites, ideally quality high rise apartments next to the train stations and the bus depot. This would allow new residents, who would not need their own means of transport to travel by public transport. Warrington has an ambition to become a City and needs to create a busy exciting centre where people live, work and relax to achieve this. Warrington needs to put its' name on the national map for the right reasons as a go ahead location and should invite designs from internationally re-known architects to produce a building(s) which will give Warrington a chance of becoming a city. Look how neighbouring Salford has prospered and benefitted from having a Daniel Libeskind building? Warrington needs to do the same to raise its' reputation.

Building away from the town centre on greenfields encourages the use of cars, most householders would have at least two vehicles. 300+ houses would produce 600+ cars on our already busy roads. Most of these new residents will drive to the M6 / M56 junction to work in Manchester / Liverpool / Chester. Building on greenbelt is not carbon friendly.

I ask you to leave **Thelwall Heys** in the greenbelt for the benefit of future generations in this special area.

Yours sincerely
Richard Whittle

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