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From: Stephen Nulty [REDACTED]
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To: Local Plan
Subject: Warrington local plan. THELWALL HEYS AND LYMM NEW HOUSING

Dear Sir or Madam,

I live in [REDACTED] Grappenhall, immediately onto the main Knutsford Road into /out of Warrington Town centre.

I'm constantly aware of the high levels of traffic on this road 24 hours per day. Actually getting onto the Knutsford Road can be a risky process due to the high volume of vehicles passing and many motorists ignoring the 30mph limit. This is even worse for pedestrians crossing the Knutsford Road. My partner crosses the road on foot daily to get to work and feels she is always taking a risk especially at rush hour.

When I read the Local Plan for Warrington, I was shocked to see upwards of 600 houses split between Thelwall Hays and Lymm.

The national average is 1.2 cars per household. However, I would expect the 2 mentioned areas would be a bit more affluent and would exceed the cars per household national average.

A rough calculation of somewhere between an extra 720 and 1200 cars potentially taking to the roads each morning and returning every evening, whether for work or school run reasons. Added to this more vehicles supporting those areas, delivery vans, trades vans etc..

Many will use the Knutsford Road, Stockport Road and Grappenhall Road. This has to be a backwards step in terms of road utilisation.

We see dozens of empty buses going by. So it is not a case of provisioning more buses. It would be a case of incentivising more and more people to take the bus and not the car. Cycling is a good environmentally friendly option. However, I would be full of trepidation cycling on these roads seeing the standard of car and truck driving on the Knutsford Road and other local highways!! I honestly believe drivers think the Knutsford Road into Warrington through Grappenhall is a 40 mph when it's actually a 30mph! To back this up I was knocked off my bike 10 years and was taken by ambulance to Warrington hospital. This occurred on Lunts Lane which becomes a rat run off the Knutsford Road when car drivers attempt to avoid the Latchford swing bridge when closed, by using the cantilever bridge over the Ship Canal. At rush hour in particular the roads around Grappenhall Latchford Bridge and Latchford are very dangerous!!

You might also be aware that when any RTA occurs on the M6 around Lymm interchange, thousands of extra cars and trucks use the Knutsford Road to get through Grappenhall and Latchford to go north. We regularly witness traffic jams at rush hour and sometimes earlier, carrying on until 8pm plus. The worst was 11pm!!

The thoughts of an extra 720 - 1200 cars per day using these roads is a great concern. The roads simply cannot take it.

We are also concerned about the recent flooding in Knutsford Road in Grappenhall and areas in Lymm and Thelwall. Any more land given up to new housing and subsequent hard standing area will only exacerbate the flooding problem.

I would respectfully ask the Warrington Council Planning Department to reconsider these elements of the plan, with a view to removing the plan to build 600 plus new houses.

Thank you,

Yours faithfully,

Stephen Nulty