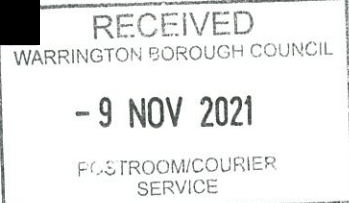


4th November 2021



WBC UPDATED PROPOSED SUBMISSION VERSION

LOCAL PLAN (2021)

Dear Sir,

I refer to your letter of 4th October 2021 advising us of the above. I have read and studied the updated Local Plan (2021) as much as possible, along with the Local Transport Plan LTP4. Please be aware that it is difficult for the general public to absorb all the information as we are not living with it every day, and the ideas covered are not our usual day to day topics. However, I note that several significant changes have been made to the previous Local Plan (2019). The LTP4 document is very repetitive and contains much generalisation and little specifics, so it is difficult to determine exactly what is being planned.

I do have several comments to make.

1. I am pleased to see the removal of the South West Warrington Urban Expansion in the Walton area from

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the plan which would have had a devastating effect on Warrington's Green Belt areas.

2. I am pleased to see the inclusion in the updated plan, (2021) of the Fiddlers Ferry site. I have a suggestion for the use of this site which I think should be seriously considered. Rolls Royce has now secured funding to continue developing their Small Modular Reactor (SMR) for small, local nuclear power stations. See the articles in Mail on Sunday, 16 May 2021, and the Daily Telegraph 4th August 2021, copies attached. These local power stations will help significantly in both "greening" the generation of the UK's supply of electricity, and "levelling" up our economy by investment ~~in~~ in the North West. Building and installing these small nuclear power stations will help us recover our nuclear expertise and we would then not be dependant on the Chinese and French designs, which is the shameful position the UK is in now. Although the article states that disused former nuclear sites around the country would be targetted, it seems to me that the Fiddlers Ferry site should be considered also. There could be significant infrastructure there already that could be re-used, or modified for re-use, such as cooling water supply, electrical transmission equipment, access roads, laboratories etc. I urge

urge WBC to submit the Fiddlers Ferry site for one of the proposed 10 Rolls Royce SMR's. It would be a prestige project and it is likely that WBC would not be required to supply funding.

3. I am pleased to see that the Western Link has now got Programme Entry status. This will ease congestion in the town centre and improve air quality.

4. More housing in the Warrington South eastern area as proposed will add to the already badly congested A49, particularly through Stockton Heath and the swing bridges. The LTP4 document states that connections between north and south Warrington should be improved in the long term. That would be too late and more difficult to implement. North-south connections should be improved in the short term, along with all the new housing planned.

5. The Updated Local Plan (2021) states that 5% of Warrington's Green Belt land will be released for building on. This is not acceptable as Green Belt land could then probably be reduced bit by bit in years to come. A stop on using Green Belt land should be made now. WBC should re-work the Local Plan such that no Green Belt land is needed. The Prime Minister Boris Johnson has recently stated that no

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building should be done on existing Green Belt Land.

I trust these comments will be considered as plans for the Updated Proposed Submission Version Local Plan (2021) are progressed.

Yours faithfully,

R Ward Esq.

attachments

1. Mail on Sunday 16 May 2021.

"Rolls starts hunt for buyers after nuclear reactors get power boost."

2. Daily Telegraph 4th August 2021.

"Rolls-Royce secures investment to start developing fleet of mini nuclear reactors."

Copy to Mr. A Carter, MP Warrington South.

Rolls starts hunt for buyers after nuclear reactors get power boost

By Alex Lawson

A CONSORTIUM led by Rolls-Royce is on the hunt for orders for its £2-billion nuclear reactors after a redesign that means each will power 100,000 more homes.

The Mail on Sunday can reveal that the UK Small Modular Reactor (SMR) project has revamped the proposed mini reactors to increase their output. The factory-built reactors will now generate 470 megawatts, enough to provide electricity to a million homes.

The project, launched in 2015, aims to bring ten mini nuclear reactors into use by 2035, with the first due to enter service around 2030. Tom Samson, chief executive of the UK SMR Consortium, said negotiations had begun with potential investors to fund the creation of the mini reactors – signalling that the project may move more rapidly than previously thought.

He said it was looking for customers, which could include energy, industrial or technology companies, to operate the sites. He added: 'We're ready to take this technology to market. We're going to be pursuing orders. We're hoping to get orders soon.'

The UK's nuclear power industry has had a chequered recent past with the future of some huge plants thrown into doubt. Rolls-Royce hopes to create a simpler solution to complement big power stations. Rolls-Royce is the major share-

holder in the venture, which has been developed through a consortium that includes Atkins, Jacobs and Laing O'Rourke. The Government has so far invested £18 million to support its design and £215 million has been earmarked for the SMR programme as part of a 'Green Industrial Revolution'.

Samson said a further £300 million of private capital is now being sought to develop the reactors, which it hopes will be located both in the UK and overseas.

The initial 'two to three' units are

likely to require Government support, but Samson hopes to move to 'traditional debt and equity' to fund following orders. Last week, the Government updated its nuclear policy to open its Generic Design Assessment to new nuclear technologies. UK SMR hopes to be the first to submit a proposal to Government and regulators.

Samson said 220 engineering decisions had been made in the latest designs. He said the switch from an 'armadillo'-shaped building to one with a 'faceted' top allowing the

roof to wrap around the inner workings made it more efficient.

The Prime Minister's former chief adviser Dominic Cummings was a champion of the UK SMR programme, but Samson said No 10 remained behind the project and it chimed with current policy.

He added: 'We unashamedly wrap ourselves in the Union Jack. This is a really proud UK innovation that we've developed here at low cost. And that's what consumers need.'

'We're contributing to the Government's levelling-up agenda. We're also contributing to its post-Brexit global Britain agenda.'

Samson is running the rule over sites for factories to build the mini reactors, and said they were most likely to be in the North of England and the East Midlands, where Rolls-Royce is based. He is also studying potential locations for the reactors, which could include former nuclear sites in West Cumbria and Anglesey where Japanese giant Hitachi

By Alex Lawson

VODAFONE has hailed an early triumph in the race to supply 5G for a wide range of applications after its technology was used in pioneering

the operating theatre. The remote software was developed by British start-up Proximie.

Vodafone head of innovation, Danny Kelly, told

giant has 5G link-ups with blue chip firms including Ford, Lufthansa and Bosch. It is targeting healthcare, manufacturing and transport clients

Vodafone's 5G used in high-tech op

RISERS AND FALLERS OF THE WEEK

The Footsie closed down 1.2 per cent at 7,044 on fears of the impact of Indian Covid variant.

FTSE 100 - biggest risers

M&G 8.55%

Assat manager may be takeover target

Ashtead 3.70%

JPMorgan ups 'stellar' firm's price target

Lloyds 3.64%

Analysts bank on 'reduced uncertainty'

BAE Systems 3.43%

£800 million order for Challenger tanks

SSE 3.23%

Barclays praises its renewables push

FTSE 100 biggest fallers

Fluiter Entertainment -13.20%

Bookie's US spin-off flotation delayed

Just Eat Takeaway.com -12.43%

Rival continues with launch in Germany

Repishaw -11.90%

Engineer battles to win takeover interest

International Airlines -7.83%

Fears Indian Covid variant could hit travel

Scottish Mortgage Trust -6.95%

Fund trims exposure to key tech firms

AIM - biggest risers

Tern 103.02%

Firm upbeat on online device investments

Petro Matad 82.75%

Mongolian oilfield gets the green light

Kodial Minerals 46.67%

Miner closer to gaining licence in Mali

AIM biggest fallers

Quantum Blockchain -32.29%

Elon Musk sparks cryptocurrency sell-off

Hurricane Energy -21.96%

Shares tank on restructuring plan

MyHealthChecked -20.75%

Covid testing firm hit by investor sell-off

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