Warrington Local Plan

Dear sirs,

I object strongly to Warrington Borough Council's new plan.

I am dismayed to see the new local plan proposals. South Warrington is blocked up, the roads can't cope with the present level of traffic which has grown in recent years following the rapid expansion of houses in the area, it's impossible to get an appointment at the doctors, the hospital is too small, class sizes are growing in local schools, a journey down A49 through Stockton Heath is difficult to plan not knowing how bad the traffic disruption will be. The roads, services, infrastructure and amenities are already stretched, how can they cope with your proposals? Shouldn't all of these be put into place before any more expansion of houses or a hub?

Warrington town centre is an embarrassment, there are too many unoccupied new development and sad looking run down older buildings. This new plan will do nothing to address these issues.

I find it difficult to understand how anyone could propose a new link road on the A49 between M56 J10 and the Cat and Lion. Have you seen the traffic problems there? At peak times the traffic fails to flow as it is, the congestion is backed up to the motorway and this proposal will only exacerbate the situation. It is extremely difficult crossing the junction 10 roundabout now as a pedestrian, you take your life in your hands crossing the motorway and your proposal will only increase the number of vehicles including HGVs and commercial vehicles and this will make walking and cycling even more difficult and add to the pollution and our air will not become cleaner. More people will use their car if pedestrian access is difficult. This motorway junction will get even busier if the expansion to the logistic hub at Stretton goes ahead. The motorways around Warrington are extremely busy and your plan will make the situation worse, even more vehicles will spill onto our over crowded local roads. Weight restrictions are ignored.

Why are you removing the green belt? There seems to be an obsession with growth, without justification, with no considered improvements to infrastructure, services and amenities.

Please reconsider the local plan rather than obsessing with Warrington growing so rapidly and gaining city status. When I first moved here Warrington had character, it is turning into a sad looking town and the inhabitants, especially the new arrivals, are increasingly jumping into their cars and using the already choked up motorways to commute to work elsewhere. The present proposals only encourage this and do nothing to improve Warrington.

Yours faithfully Janet O'Donnell

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