



Please reply to:



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

17 June 2019

Dear Sir, Madam

RE: Consultation on Warrington Local Plan

Thank you for notifying the Gardens Trust (GT) in its role as Statutory Consultee regarding consultation on the Warrington Local Plan. The Lancashire Gardens Trust (LGT) and Cheshire Gardens Trust (CGT) are member organisations of the GT and are authorised by the GT to respond on their behalf. As north Warrington falls within the remit of LGT and south Warrington falls within the remit of CGT we have prepared a joint response to the consultation.

Our comments are as follows:

Policies relating to Objective W5

Section 8.2 Warrington's Historic Environment

We welcome this section in the local plan, but we are concerned that the definition of heritage assets is defined adequately.

8.2.1 Historic England maintains the Register of Parks and Gardens of Special Historic Interest. These are historic designed landscapes in England and Wales of national importance. We understand there are currently no registered landscapes in the Warrington area but there is always the potential for a site to be registered in the future. However there are a considerable number of non-registered historic designed landscapes of local interest, so we request that the words '...and sites...' are added after 'buildings' and before 'with local architectural or historic interest'.

Policy DC2 General Principles (2j) mentions "parklands, woodlands, landscapes", but it is important to cover designed landscapes as well so we request that the words '... (including designed landscapes)...' should be added.

Policy DC2 (3a) covers local list of heritage assets, and their review is welcomed. Whilst the current list (contained within the Local Plan Core Strategy 2015, Appendix 4) comprises a wide range of heritage assets there is an absence of historic designed landscapes. There are several sites which we consider are eminently eligible for inclusion. Some are public and others are private, some of them belonged to important Warrington people. Collectively they make a huge contribution to local character and quality of place.

In south Warrington we have, so far, identified the following historic designed landscapes, those highlighted being ones where CGT volunteers have completed research and recording reports:

Appleton Hall

Baycliffe, Lymm

Beechwood

Cuerden Hall

Grappenhall Hall

Grappenhall Heys

Greenfield House

Hatton Cottage

Hollies The, Latchford

Kelmscott

Lymm Upper Dam

Lymm Hall

Massey Hall

Oughtrington Lymm

Stonecroft

Thelwall Hall

Victoria Park

Walton Old Hall

Walton Hall Park (includes Crematorium)

CGT's completed reports are made available to Cheshire Archives and Local Studies, Cheshire Historic Environment Record and Warrington Borough Council.

In addition in North Warrington, Lancashire Gardens Trust is aware of Kenyon Hall, Culcheth and considers this site a candidate for local list.

In due course we would be pleased to contribute to the process of reviewing the list of heritage assets as resources permit.

We trust that these comments will be taken as constructive and will be accommodated within the emerging Local Plan.

Yours sincerely,

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