From:
To:
Local Plan

Subject: Ref the proposed expansion of the Winwick area

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Dear Sirs,

I write to express my concerns over the proposed building of new homes on Green Belt land between Waterworks Lane and Golborne Road, Winwick. My concerns cover several issues which in my opinion have no solution and why I find the plan unsound.

Loss of Green Belt

Severe Congestion and increased pollution

Lack of services (Doctors, dentist, Shops, School places).

Restricted Access

Overcrowding in school

All the above will be compacted by other developments in the area.

Since the Junction Nine shopping park has opened traffic both in and out of Warrington has increased noticeably and the so called "Rush Hour" is more like a twice a day "Rush three hours". The addition of the Parkside facility alone will massively increase traffic, mainly HGV's with no conceivable road system that would ease congestion without creating a bottleneck at both ends. It is not difficult to imagine what effect 655 more homes with their own cars will have on the safety of our roads and the additional pollution especially being so close to school as in Myddleton Road, busiest when children are going to school in the morning.

Myddleton Lane, Southworth Lane, Delph Lane Highfield Lane are all unsuitable for HGV's, Southworth Lane with its narrow width passes through the village of Croft with it's two Infant/ junior schools. Waterworks Lane is little more than a single track and it can be argued that it is unfit for any vehicles and yet it is a very busy "short Cut" in the rush "hour". There is a very tight righthand bend space which sees regular accidents. Waterworks Lane and Highfield Lane have needed resurfacing for at least 10 years.

My understanding is that green belt would be released to build 160 homes in Burtonwood, 75 homes in Croft, 200 homes in Culcheth, 90 homes in Hollins Green and 130 homes in Winwick. Notwithstanding the Peel Hall development of 1,200 new homes already passed for planning, and Parkside. How many cars will all this add to an already creaking road system? Would life expectancy also take a hit?

The nearest two doctor surgeries in Burtonwood have recently closed, leaving

Orford (on the A49) and Culcheth, hardly enough I would suggest. Culcheth at least has two Dentists. Winwick has one small shop and one pub. The school in Winwick is at full capacity and can only take 30 new pupils a year, where will the new house holders send their young ones to school?

Yours faithfully

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