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# **I write again in complete opposition to the local plan and desperately urge you to reconsider the amount of green belt land you propose to build on and the devastating impact on the existing distinct villages and community.**

This week (beginning 8.11.21) work has begun again at Lumb Brook bridge - the traffic in the morning and afternoon on London road/Dingleway way is significantly congested and on Monday was backed right up/bottlenecked with people getting frustrated, turning around to try using already heavily relied upon back route runs. How would an additional approx 8400+ cars every day (considering that each new household will highly likely be 2 car plus) impact on people lives, commute, pollution and wellbeing. I myself was walking with a pram and the car fumes were very notable and very unpleasant! I dread to think what would happen when the bridges swing!

The plan does not explain in full where all this extra traffic will filter through on existing roads which are already heavily congested.

People have bought houses in the community at a high price with thier hard earned money to live in an area that is characterised by distinct village life and surrounded by green belt land which is supposed to be protected! I myself moved to Stockton Heath over 30 years ago as a child and in the last 10 years have bought property myself and feel cheated that I have bought in good faith that the village life, views and semi rural aspect which attracted me to settling in my current address is now going to be built upon and now I face years of overlooking a building site to be left with a view of an ugly new build concrete jungle!

Very worrying is the volume of residents in the community who are unaware of the updated plan and the intentions! There is a complete lack of transparency from WBC - I urge you to be open and write to each household with the plan and clear instructions of how to share views and objections not only in electronic form considering people who do not have access to the internet or printers etc...

There is no buffer to Appleton and Stockton Heath - why do you intend to build right up to the border of the canal/Stockton lane/Lumb Brook road and right around Millennium field? It appears ludicrous and completely unjustified! All the wildlife, views, pollution, parking pressure, traffic and significant distress to existing residents I don't understand morally how this can be agreed let alone considered.

There is no mention in the plan in regards to Stockton Heath Village - you cannot make it bigger and the pressure that will be placed on Stockton Heath and local services is

frightening! The traffic, the lack of parking, the pressure on local streets from addition parking and the schools, dentists and doctors are already over subscribed. New residents on the development will not be drawn or attracted to Warrington town centre which personally I use on occasion but with all the major retailers slowly shutting people are choosing to shop locally or further afield. It's the distinct Stockton Heath village and the surrounding semi rural aspects that people are attracted to and the new development will completely alter that!

The plan completely destroys the local culture, landscape, village aspect and community. As I walk around I cannot believe that the beautiful views around Stockton lane and up Lumb Brook road and beyond are intending to be completely crushed - how can such a plan even be considered when it completely changes the current area and landscape into a completely different one - how on earth is that fair or right to the existing long standing community!

I accept that there there is a statutory requirement for more houses but I urge there to be far more use of brown belt land that is very much available and there to be a far greater buffer between any new development and Appleton/Stockton Heath/Stockton lane/Grappenhall village/Lumb Brook Road and the Millennium field. How can dumping such a large new development with no clear plan on road usage aside from simply expecting everyone to exit on the already congested two roads and queues out to the motorway from commuters be justified! Lumb Brook bridge is only a one way at a time road and Witherwin avenue (which is already bottled necked by Bridgewater High and Broomfield Junior traffic) just directs traffic onto an already heavily congested London Road with swinging bridges! I also urge that you ensure you have made contact with the whole community so that everyone is aware of what you intend to do and with complete transparency in regards to what the exact statutory requirement housing number build is in comparison to how many houses are in the plan.

You are intending to destroy the current local area and destroy peoples current and long standing way of life. There are other options please please please use them ...

In summary:

There is still brown belt land to use as an alternative to the unjustified decision to use all the beautiful green belt land.

The buffer between any new development and existing villages is non existent and should be far greater.

The plan completely alters the existing landscape, way of life and distinct characteristics of the surrounding villages.

The significant number of cars to be added to the existing already congested roads.

The pollution and air quality.

The pressure on already oversubscribed services.

Parking in the villages and surrounding residential streets.

Distress and emotional impact on the community and people's mental health.

Lack of transparency to gather the whole community's views and in terms of number of house versus statutory requirements/population growth data/consideration to other areas of Warrington instead of south Warrington's green belt.

Regards,

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