

New Proposed Local Plan PSV- 2

Dear Sir/Madam,

I wish to object to the Warrington plan and consider it unsound based on the following points:

The proposal to build 4,200 homes on green belt land in South Warrington in the Grappenhall, Appleton and Stretton area would destroy the character of these villages and lead to a massive increase in the traffic congestion which is already a significant problem. The only practical way for residents in this area to commute to work is by car since there is no infrastructure to enable access to public transport without making a significant car journey, whether commuting to Liverpool or Manchester or more locally. The bus service is not adequate or reliable.

The development of commercial sites is also likely to have a significant effect on local congestion. Not only would there be increased traffic due to the commercial vehicles servicing the logistic sites proposed, but also the staff working there are also likely to be commuting from outside the area leading to more traffic. The development of these logistic sites is justified on the basis that they would provide local employment. I would suggest that the numbers employed are likely to be limited by the increasing automation of the industry.

There are no proposals for infrastructure to replace ancient Victorian bridges across the Manchester ship canal. These bridges are also currently suffering from neglect and a lack of maintenance which will lead to a need to significant expenditure on the refurbishment or repair unless the current owner is encouraged to maintain these installations.

How realistic is this plan, given the lack of money locally and nationally to build schools, GP surgeries libraries and where is the money to staff them? The likelihood is the housing will be built without the infrastructure and supporting services /community facilities needed to support them which will put further pressure on existing roads and services as more residents travel further to access these services.

There is lack of detail to the plan –where is the money coming from? How realistic is it to build 1000-1500 houses per year, which aren't necessary anyway. What plans are there to regenerate the centre of Warrington when shops have relocated out of the town/ Bridge Street.

There is no justification for releasing green belt land for development, please protect our valuable green belt.

Best regards,

Sue Williams

