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Dear Mr Bell

Consultation on WBC Updated Proposed Submission Version Local Plan (2021)

Thank you for your letter dated 4th October 2021 and the opportunity to go to the consultation events.

More houses means more traffic. More traffic means more potential pollution.

You will know that life expectancy in Warrington is well below the National average and increased traffic is going to jeopardise any improvement. You will be aware of the case 2 years ago of a child dying of asthma in London. The coroner said that air pollution was a contributory factor. The parents are bringing a case against the Government because of air pollution locally exceeding permitted levels. With public health funding being cut you will be under pressure to find new ways to stop further deterioration.

In turn this could influence the strategy for the mass transit system outlined in the Warrington Guardian on 21st October 2021. This is on Andy Carter's radar because he is the chair of the light rail All Party Parliamentary Group. If not promoted by him for itself then he could link it into the Government's levelling up agenda.

Can I ask that you put in place air quality monitoring systems at strategic points within the anticipated new road networks and publish the results on a regular-monthly-basis, say in the Warrington Guardian, so we can see how things are changing? Perhaps you could ask local schools to take an interest. It would be an ideal opportunity for pupils to learn about how to present datasets, what they mean and how then to take action or not depending on the results. It could link well with climate change initiatives.

Were you to do this you could then use the results to recommend at Planning stage that all new build has solar panels, recharge points for electric vehicles, heat pumps etc

With Climate Change being so relevant at the moment, it would be a great opportunity for WBC to show how it is both honouring the need for more housing with COP 26 initiatives

Yours sincerely



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