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Dear Officers of the Council

**Contribution of Vivienne Lacey and Michael Crane to the consultation by Warrington Borough Council on PSV Local Plan (September 2021)**

We live at [REDACTED]

- First, we wish to emphasise our unqualified *support* for Walton Parish Council's submission on the Local Plan.
- Secondly, we set out below our unqualified *opposition* to the Western Link Project.

**Summary Rationale**

Our property is bounded by the Manchester Ship Canal embankment, lying within 100 metres of the proposed embankment to the Western Link roadway and bridge.

The grounds for our opposition to the Western Link are as follows:

We contend that the Business Case on which WBC is relying lacks robustness. It is neither founded on compelling evidence, nor is the evidence or supporting data complete, accurate, reliable, or valid. In summary the Business case appears biased to optimism and through optimistic assumptions and estimates to have overstated the benefits projected through modelling. It has also understated risks and detriments.

In the week that COP 26 concluded it is beyond irony that Warrington is pursuing an aggressive strategy for development - absent from which is a comprehensive or realistic plan for clean public transport. Consequently, at its heart Warrington's plan relies on personal transport and is dependent on internal combustion, use of fossil fuels and increased carbon emissions.

The road and bridge's construction and operation will adversely and potentially catastrophically, impact the enjoyment of our home of 30 years. It is clear that anyone living in close proximity to the road and bridge will suffer unmitigated road noise and fallout from vehicle emissions. Road noise will be amplified by the acoustics created by the Manchester Ship Canal.

Both will degrade the ecosystem we have worked to create between our garden and the immediate natural environment, flora and fauna that surround it.

We would be grateful for your acknowledgement of this letter via the email address above and reconsideration of the business case arguments.

Yours Sincerely

Vivienne Lacey and Michael Crane



