

Mrs Alison Fox.

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Warrington Local Plan Consultation 2021.

Dear Sir or Madam,

having expressed my views on the plans submitted in 2019, I was interested to see the changes the council had made, so I went to the Halliwell Jones Stadium. There I spoke to two representatives regarding the proposals relating to South Warrington. The first, a pleasant young man, assured me that the intention was to provide the necessary infrastructure before more housing was built. However, the only example he provided was the expansion of Grappenhall Heys School.

Neither he nor the maps displayed, gave any clear indication of where new schools or health facilities might be located. The map gave the impression that a smaller area of farm land than in the 2019 plan would be affected. However, I think this is misleading as it only shows the first phase of development. Health care.

In the days following my visit I spoke to several people living in the Stockton Heath and Appleton area. They expressed grave concern about the provision of G.P care, and the difficulties they had recently experienced.

One young mum, who was seven months pregnant at the time, told me that she had spent almost an hour on the phone trying to arrange an appointment for a flu jab. Having finally got one, she turned up, accompanied by her young son, only to have to wait a long time outside.

Similarly, an 81 year old friend queued up in the cold before getting her booster jab.

Another lady complained bitterly at having to wait a fortnight to get an e consultation for her two year old son.

The parents of an 18 year old girl with mental health issues had a similar experience.

If this is the situation Now, how on earth can the local NHS be expected to cope with the projected rise in population.

We need to know when and how this situation can be remedied before sanctioning any further development.

Transport.

Along with two gentlemen, I spoke at some length with the person who was supposed to answer questions on transport infrastructure. He could give me no clear answers about where bridges might be constructed over the Ship and Bridgewater Canals in the Grappenhall / Thelwall area. There followed a long discussion about the proposed access roads to the areas where houses are already under construction and the alleviation of traffic congestion on the A49, north of the M56. We found his responses totally unsatisfactory. Apparently even discussions

regarding improving the junction near the Cat and Lion are still inconclusive.

So much for getting the infrastructure in place before development takes place!

Everyone who lives or works in south Warrington knows how problematic traffic has been for many years. It beggars belief that the council thinks it sensible to build, on green field sites, when roads from the centre of town have to cross the Mersey, the Ship Canal and the Bridgewater Canal.

Development on green field and green belt land.

As the figure for the number of houses required has been reduced there is no justification for building on good farmland. I was horrified to learn that the area around Thelwall Hays, which has been designated as having special landscape character status, is now included in the initial phase. What has changed since the council objected to development there?

In conclusion I can only say how terribly disappointed I am with the new plan. If it is adopted the whole character of south Warrington will change for the worse and land that has been proved to be of great agricultural worth will be lost forever.

Yours very sincerely,

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