

Dear WBC.

I am concerned about the plans for the expansion of Warrington, particularly the impact of Green Belt land and also in view of the fact that the route for HS2 has not been confirmed yet.

In and around Warrington there seems to be an abundance of empty business premises so I question the calculation for needing more. Who exactly is going to use them?

I recognise that until we do something to tackle the issue of a growing population there will be a need for housing but this must not use the Green Belt. This designated area was protected for a reason and that reason still remains. These areas do serve to help clean our air (which in Warrington is poor). Your plans indicate a gradual merge of 'settlements' and will destroy the nature and character of these enclaves. Looking at the plans for my area, the green space between Croft, Culcheth and Glazebury is diminished. Are you aware of the number of people who use this space daily for cycling, running and walking the dog? Your documents seemed to imply not.

Providing parks is not the same as retaining accessible countryside, a space away from the noise of the town and free of the restrictions which often come with parks such as parking charges and keeping dogs on leads.

The introduction of additional infrastructure will increase travel activity severely, more noise, more potholes, more speeding. We do not need more traffic in these villages, whether on the existing or new roads.

I respectfully ask that you take the concerns of residents such as myself into account when considering the plans.

