



Dear Sir/Madam,

Warrington Borough Council – Local Plan Preferred Development Option

I have lived in Moore for [REDACTED] years and one of the main reasons for moving to this village was that it has a distinct identity. Moore Village is located in a conservation area with access to a nature reserve and is a semi-rural haven between the industrial settings of Warrington, Widnes and Runcorn. I have chosen to start a family living in Moore so they can also enjoy the rural, unspoilt setting that surrounds the village.

I am writing in relation to Warrington Borough Council's Local Plan PDO and wish to make the following points of objection:

In writing the Local Plan Warrington have only considered the natural and historic assets within their own borough boundary and have completely overlooked the village of Moore which immediately adjoins their proposed South Western Urban extension. Moore is both a historic village (with a Conservation area and several listed buildings) and also provides a fantastic natural resource enjoyed by numerous residents from Warrington and beyond, who use the footpath network, towpaths and access Moore Nature Reserve via Moore Lane.

The main purpose of green belt is to prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another – this proposal would entail housing coming right up to the boundary at the eastern side of the village, there would be no green belt left. Moore would be 'swallowed up' by characterless housing estates with no green belt buffer, merging into one continuous sprawl and lose its identity.

The Port Warrington proposal indicates a large distribution centre with huge warehousing to the north of the Manchester Ship Canal. This development would have a devastating impact on the lives of the residents of Promenade Park as their homes directly overlook this area. There are 80+ homes on this site and it accounts for nearly a quarter of the population of the village of Moore. The site is beautifully maintained by the residents and is regularly commended by the Cheshire Best Kept Village Judges. The majority of residents have chosen to retire here because of its pleasant, open setting and relatively peaceful environment. Residents need the reassurance that proper assessments will be made before any permissions are granted, together with enforceable control measures, especially in relation to noise and the visual impact of development.

I am also very concerned about the impact of Port Warrington on Moore Nature Reserve which is important for both wildlife and people in equal measure and must be protected for future generations. The Nature reserve was developed in the 1980's by Peel Holdings and is now a flourishing habitat for many diverse species of birds, owls, insects, wildflowers and newts. The site is an important educational asset for the region that is regularly visited by local schools, colleges, universities and other groups such as Cubs, Brownies, Scouts, Guides, photography etc. The loss of this area would have a major impact on the local resources available for groups' educational needs and also on members of the public who travel to enjoy the areas 200 acres of woodland, meadows, lakes and ponds.

Finally, all of the above proposals would have a huge, adverse impact on existing services in the area.

All of our local medical centres are full and the local roads are regularly clogged with traffic trying to find a route either from Warrington or Runcorn, when there is either a hold up on the M56, the Runcorn Bridge or the M6.

Yours sincerely,

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