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Local Plan

Preferred Development Option

Regulation 18 Consultation

Standard Response Form

July 2017

2: Questions

Question 1

Do you have any comments to make about how we've worked out the need for new homes and employment land in Warrington over the next 20 years?

Response:

Appears to be driven by desire for City Status and myself and many of my friends and family do not share the desire to become a city. Do not believe the scale of housing development is necessary or realistic. Scale of developments in South Warrington seems unjustifiable and has numerous damaging consequences on loss of green belt land and traffic concerns.

Question 2

Do you have any comments to make about how we've worked out the number of homes and amount of employment land that can be accommodated within Warrington's existing built up areas?

Response:

No – poor consultation for working parents. Believe copies of the PDO should have been posted for all residents as it is difficult to grasp all elements of the PDO with such little information.

Question 3

Have we appropriately worked out the amount of land to be released from the Green Belt, including the amount of land to be 'safeguarded'?

Response:

9000 homes in the next 20 years on green belt land! We are so shocked and saddened to read this as this would be an irreversible loss of countryside for all of Warrington. The ability to access and enjoy green space is an essential amenity for all Warrington residents, not just local ones. I understand that Green belt land should only be altered in exceptional circumstances (National Planning Policy Framework) but I am yet to hear what these exceptional circumstances are from the Council?

Does not seem that all brown field sites have been exhausted yet.

Green belt land is being used for agricultural purposes which is essential post Brexit and in the context of climate change.

Question 4

Do you agree with the new Local Plan Objectives?

Response:

See question 2 response

Question 5

Do you have any comments to make about how we've assessed different 'Spatial Options' for Warrington's future development?

Response:

See question 2 response

Question 6

Do you have any comments to make about how we've assessed different options for the main development locations?

Response:

South Warrington is disproportionately affected by the PDO. North and Eastern Warrington are barely touched by the proposals.

Question 7

Do you agree with our Preferred Development Option for meeting Warrington's future development needs?

Response:

No

Question 8

Do you have any comments to make about our Preferred Development Option for the City Centre?

Response:

See question 2 response

Question 9

Do you have any comments to make about our Preferred Development Option for the Wider Urban Area?

Response:

See question 2.

Question 10

Do you have any comments to make about our Preferred Development Option for developing the Warrington Waterfront?

See question 2 response

Question 11

Do you have any comments to make about our Preferred Development Option for the Warrington Garden City Suburb?

Response:

Sheer scale of this is horrifying for local residents. We have chosen to buy homes in a semi rural area and this development will change the character of these areas forever. This will damage the villages history and heritage.

Congestion is awful at key times as it is with roads from the motorway and this development will only worsen this. There is no mention of Stockton Heath in the plan. It is a nightmare trying to get through Stockton Heath currently and this will be worsened by such a big development. I have chosen to work in [REDACTED] rather than Warrington [REDACTED] because the commuting time is less. Development ton this scale will make the situation even worse.

No high level traffic survey in the PDO.

Question 12

Do you have any comments to make about our Preferred Development Option for the South Western Urban Extension?

Response:

See question 2 response

Question 13

Do you have any comments to make about our Preferred Development Option for development in the Outlying Settlements?

Response:

See question 2 response

Question 14

Do you agree with our approach to providing new employment land?

Response:

See question 2

Question 15

Do you agree with our suggested approach for dealing with Gypsy and Travellers and Travelling Showpeople sites?

Response:

See question 2

Question 16

Do you agree with our suggested approach for dealing with Minerals and Waste?

Response:

See question 2

Question 17

Having read the Preferred Development Option Document, is there anything else you feel we should include within the Local Plan?

Response:

See question 2