

I am writing to express my deep concern with regard to the proposals set out in your document.

- 1. Residents do not want Warrington to become a city. We have two large cities on the doorstep and the further expansion of Warrington will lead to one long corridor of urban sprawl along the Mersey.
- 2. Your plans will irreversibly destroy the Green Belt. The Fiddler's Ferry site will provide better options in due course.
- 3. Transport congestion is a huge problem in Warrington and the proposals can do nothing but generate unsustainable extra traffic. New proposed roads will just transfer some of the congestion hotspots to elsewhere.
- 4. The loss of Green Belt will be detrimental to the welfare of all residents, destroy natural habitats.
- 5. More traffic will make the air pollution issues that Warrington already has even worse.
- 6. Public transport in Warrington is inadequate. Buses and trains both fail to meet the needs of residents, in terms of routes, overcrowding and timetables as well as cost.
- 7. Job creation is relatively low in the distribution sector and forecasts show reductions in the rate of job growth according to your document, so the need for so much further housing development is not proven. In fact, if you destroy the environment by the loss of Green Belt, destroy the air quality even further and create even more traffic congestion, people will not want to live here.
- 8. The health services in Warrington are not coping with demand now. Extra health centres cannot provide hospital services.

