



Dear Sir

Warrington Borough Council Local Plan. Preferred Development Option Regulation 18 Consultation

I wish to object to the current Preferred Development Option for the following reasons:

- Public consultation without adequate advertising and held throughout peak holiday season.
- Public consultations being held prior to the infrastructure feasibility study results being completed and published. Council representatives have been unable to answer whether the feasibility study is taking place on all 5 reported options or just the preferred development option.
- Use of outdated and unclear maps when presenting plans at the public consultations.
- Conflicting answers have been given to the same questions asked at the Lymm and Stretton public consultation meetings. If representatives are unable to get the councils message across consistently, what hope does the public have to digest and comprehend the limited information being supplied?
- Misleading of the council to let the public to believe that the volume of housing required is something set by Government when it is WBC who have calculated the volume requirement.
- Unreasonable of the council to base calculation of the housing requirement on figures produced:
  - o pre Brexit announcement
  - o when it was believed that the HS2 line would require a stop in Warrington
  - o recent Government announcement of revised housing requirement calculation methodology.
- There is enough Brownfield land in the area to build 15,000 houses. Potentially enough to meet a reduced housing requirement. Therefore allowing the council to protect and preserve existing green belt land.
- Majority of the proposed housing to be located in the least densely populated and more expensive areas of the town. Unaffordability but high council tax implications.
- 2016 study by the World Health Organisation Warrington was recorded as having the 2nd highest air pollution levels in the North West. Impact on health and mortality. Why would the Council wish to increase this further?
- While it may appear convenient for the council to repurpose the railway embankment considerations:
  - o state of disrepair of the high level bridge
  - o integrity, form and strength of the embankment

