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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:

As an ordinary member of the public, with no experience of town planning, I am not qualified to judge. How do you allow for variables such as Brexit, and changes of government policy?

I know that I do not agree with W.B.C's aspirations, and arguments for massive urban growth and for a New City status. The suggested need for increased acreage for employment sites is grossly over-exaggerated.

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:

Again. Don't have a clue, where do these figures come from? Why not have more housing within the town centre? More low cost student accommodation, purpose built flats for the elderly and disabled, Not just luxury apartments, and a surplus of retail outlets.

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:

No. Leave the Green Belt alone, Once it's gone, it's gone forever.

Question 4

Do you agree with the new Local Plan Objectives?

Response:

No. I do not think that Warrington needs to expand at such a rapid rate. 24,000 homes (possibly another 55,200 people) in a town where public services have been cut to the bone for the last ten years.

Question 5

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

Response:

Question 6

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

Response:

Question 7

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

Response:

No. I understand that WBC has a legal obligation to produce a Local Plan, and that central government wants Warrington to expand rapidly and might try to impose changes if WBC opposed that level of growth. However, there is no need for WBC to embrace that rapid growth so enthusiastically.

The public has been presented with two major consultations this summer when many people are away on holiday. Both of them sound good on paper. "We need to get rid of the blight of congestion and gridlock" says Terry O'Neill. As far as I can see, if the council gets its way, the new bridge will displace congestion to the Sankey Way and the huge number of new homes will place enormous demands on the infrastructure.

Warrington is not a city, and does not need to be a city. It does not need to be a port. Try encouraging light industries, I T etc, which do not involve transporting hazardous waste near heavily populated areas.

Question 8

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

Response:

Question 9

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

Response:

Question 10

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

Response:

Question 11

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

Response:

Question 12

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

Response:

Question 13

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

Response:

Question 14

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

Response:

Question 15

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

Response:

Question 16

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

Response:

Question 17

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

Response:

Scrap it and start again, There are too many negative impacts on our environment in this plan, It is not a sustainable plan. Leave the Green Belt alone and concentrate on the neglected and unused brown sites in the town centre.