






Dear Sir/Madam,

Warrington Borough Council – Local Plan Preferred Development Option

We moved to Moore 

 The main reasons for moving to the village was because of its rural qualities, community spirit and its setting, being within reach of all necessary amenities; for shopping, health care, transport links and leisure facilities.

We therefore strongly object to Warrington Borough Council's Local Plan Preferred Development Option

In writing the Plan, the Council appear to have completely overlooked the village of Moore, with its historic listed buildings, conservation and green belt qualities and where residents have WA4 postcodes and 01925 telephone numbers. Moore provides a wonderful natural resource for numerous people from Warrington and for visitors from far further afield, who use the canal network, towpaths, the local shop, The Red Lion pub (a hub for the village) and Moore Nature Reserve.

Our understanding is that green belt was introduced to to prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another. WBC's proposal shows new and modern housing coming right up to the village boundary on the eastern side of the village, totally destroying the green belt.

The Port Warrington proposal suggests new and potentially unsightly warehousing will be built to the north of the Manchester Ship Canal. This development would have an enormous impact on the lives of the 80 plus residents of Promenade Park, many of whom are elderly or retired; their homes directly overlook this area. On moving to Moore and walking the lanes we were stunned by the beautiful gardens and obvious pride our co-residents have in maintaining their properties and the site to such a high standard.

We are also very concerned about the impact of Port Warrington on Moore Nature Reserve. Never before have we seen geese flying over in great numbers to return to the reserve in the evening. The reserve is a haven for wildlife and such a valuable resource for the communities of both Warrington and Halton; a real educational opportunity for children and for the well being of residents, who are

continually encouraged by public health services to walk, reduce stress etc - what better place to do this?

There are, within the plans a proposal for a school - primary/juniors but which comes first, school or housing - chicken or egg? Where will our teenagers go to school? Existing schools are probably under resourced and wouldn't have capacity to take on children from the proposed 1800 new homes.

There are transport issues to consider; the need for more buses and the impact on local roads.

We live with the reality of an ageing population, more younger people with long-term or acquired physical disabilities, learning disabilities, autistic spectrum disorders and mental health conditions and a requirement to support them to live in the community, as per the Care Act 2014 directives.

The demand for domiciliary social care is unprecedented. There is no motivation for young people to enter into a career of caring; given low wages, poor conditions of employment and unsocial hours. There is also little incentive for professionally qualified social care staff to come to Warrington as terms and conditions in neighbouring authorities are far more attractive.

Our local hospitals cannot cope with demand and are delaying appointments and operations. Wards are being closed. How will this be addressed?

Incidents on the M56, the Runcorn Bridge or the M6 already have a massive impact on the weight of traffic trying to find alternative routes via Runcorn Road and into Warrington town centre. This would be bound to increase but would be unsustainable and totally unacceptable.

Finally, from a personal point of view, the local country roads are narrow and windy, but lovely. Residents of Moore value and respect the rural community; the horse riders, walkers, cyclists, twitchers and those who live or come to Moore to see and enjoy the village.

We would urge the Council to reconsider their preferred plan and consider and appreciate the impact it will have on the beautiful village of Moore and its residents.

Yours sincerely,

