



Dear Sir/Madam,

Warrington Borough Councils – local plan preferred Development Option

I am writing in relation to Warrington Borough Councils (WBC) local plan and its preferred Development Option.

I have lived in Moore Village 

 One of the main reasons for moving to this village was and still is that it has distinct identity, a friendly community and its rural feel and setting.

I would like to make the following points of objection:

- I feel unhappy with the way that WBC has conducted itself regarding the two separate issues of
1. The Bridge and the different coloured choices to vote on and 2. The timing of revealing the link to its intention to build so many houses in green belt area so close to where I live and the resulting impact on my life. To be fully open to the constituents of the surrounding areas of Warrington that will feel the impact of their proposals should have been made clear far earlier. Having a vote on a bridge & then after voting has closed, as an add on invite comments on their plans to build so many houses that my village would be swallowed up & lose its identity was not appropriate. Also initially the amount of time to give this feedback was of a very limited timescale which also, given the time of year when so many were away with families in the school holiday period didn't appear to be fair but to then find that Moore Parish Council were not informed either is rude in my opinion.
- Noise: At the moment we have the environment agency supporting us due to the proximity of the industrial estate and the levels of noise that we suffer. The new bridge that is due for completion is also causing noise problems as the new roads to feed into the bridge are higher than they previously were, resulting in traffic being heard at night at higher sleep disrupting levels. The proposal to build this totally excessive number of houses will only add to the levels of noise, the fact that the proposal is to build on prime agricultural land is a travesty.
- The Port Warrington proposal indicates a large distribution centre with huge warehousing to the north of the Manchester Ship Canal. This development is to be working 24 hours – day and night and noise along with other environmental aspects of having a port in such close proximity to Promenade Park will have a devastating impact on the lives of to the residents as their homes are directly opposite the proposed Port. There are 80+ homes on this site and it accounts for nearly a quarter of the population of the village of Moore. The majority of the residents have chosen to retire here because of its pleasant, open setting and relatively peaceful environment. I can't see how this can be acceptable for this industrial port to be so close to a residential park.

- Also there is the impact on Moore Nature Reserve which I understand is phase 2 in the plans for houses to be built on. This is regarded as the lungs of Warrington by many as it is visited regularly by the residents of Moore, Warrington, and Runcorn and from far further afield due to the vast numbers of birds of different and some rare species. There is also the wildlife and rare plants that need to be protected too. In writing the Local Plan Warrington have only considered the natural & historic assets within its own borough boundary and have completely overlooked that the village of Moore which immediately adjoins their proposed South Western Urban extension, is both a historic village (with a conservation area and several listed buildings) but also provides this fantastic natural resource enjoyed by numerous residents from Warrington and beyond who use the footpath networks, towpaths and access to Moore Nature Reserve via Moore Lane (which is in Halton.)
- Roads are already regularly clogged with traffic trying to find a route into Warrington, this is even worse when there are disruption to flow of traffic on the M6, M62, M56 or Runcorn Bridge. This will not be eased by the Red Route Bridge in fact this will more than likely exacerbate the situation. Each house built would realistically have 2 or more people with the similar number of cars – this will lead to a huge increase in the number of cars wanting access to the main roads. All our medical centres are full and it is difficult enough to get an appointment with a GP as it is. Plans to build infrastructure needed amongst all these houses may look good on paper however, experience has proved that this will not be the case.
- The main purpose of greenbelt is to prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another - clearly as this proposal would entail housing coming right up to the village boundary at the eastern side of the village, there would be no green belt and Moore would be ‘swallowed up’ by charmless housing estates.
- The government states that Priority should be to build on brown field sites before using green belt and agricultural land. Fiddlers Ferry power station is due to be demolished in approximately 2 year’s time. Why is it then the intention of WBC to build on prime agricultural land rather than wait until Fiddlers Ferry land becomes available? Once agricultural land is built on it can never be returned to feeding our nation again.

Yours sincerely

