

Ref: Warrington Borough Council - Local Plan Preferred Development Option

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing in relation to Warrington Borough Councils Local Plan PDO and wish to make the following points of objection:

- In writing to the Local Plan, Warrington Borough Council have only considered the historic and natural assets within their own boroughs boundary. The Council have completely overlooked that the village of Moore, which immediately adjoins their proposed South Western Urban extension, but is within Halton, is not only a historic village (with a Conservation area and several listed buildings), but also provides a fantastic natural resource enjoyed by many residents from Warrington and beyond.
- The definition of a green belt is "an area of open land around a city, on which building is restricted", with the main purpose being to protect the land around larger urban centres from urban sprawl, i.e. to prevent neighbouring towns merging in to 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 left and Moore would be engulfed by large scale characterless housing estates, which would destroy the fabric of the village.
- The Port of Warrington proposal indicates a large distribution centre with huge warehousing to the north of the Manchester Ship Canal. Not only would the development likely be unsightly and cause more traffic in to the area, but also have a devastating impact on the lives of the residents of Promenade Park, as their homes directly overlook this area. There are 80+ homes on this site and it accounts for nearly a quarter of the population of the village of Moore. The site is beautifully maintained by the residents and is regularly commended by the 'Cheshire Best Kept Village' Judges. The majority of residents need the reassurance that proper assessment will be made before any permission is granted, together with enforceable control measures, especially in relation to noise and the visual impact of development.
- I am also very concerned about the impact the Port of Warrington will have on Moore Nature Reserve, which is used by local schools, colleges and universities as an educational resource, as well as local residents and those from further afield. The Reserve is home to many diverse

species of plants/wild flowers, animal, birds and other wildlife, and is a very important natural resource to wildlife and people in equal measures and must be protected for future generations.

- Finally, all of the above proposals would have a huge adverse impact on the existing services in the area. All of our local medical centres are full and local roads are regularly clogged with traffic trying to find a route either from Warrington or Runcorn, when there is either a hold up on M56, the Runcorn Bridge or the M6.

I do not want the character of my village destroying by ill-considered and badly thought out plans for a new development by Warrington Borough Council, which did not even consider the impact such plan may have on surrounding areas, which directly abutted those within their borough.

Yours Sincerely,

