



Dear Sir or Madam,

We have lived in the village of Moore and moved here because we appreciate the open, rural aspect. Over this period of time we have experienced dramatic changes to the area with massive residential and industrial developments encroaching up to the village boundary on the Runcorn side.

We are writing in relation to Warrington Borough Council's Preferred Development Option Regulation18 Consultation, July 17 and wish to object for the following reasons:

The proposed development of 2000 homes on land between the A56 (Chester Road) and Runcorn Road (option 2) known as South West Urban Extension will encroach on the village boundary on the East side, resulting in the village totally losing its identity. Warrington Borough Council's justification for releasing this land from green belt is flawed as they have completely overlooked the fact that the village of Moore is a historic village with several listed buildings and is also a Conservation area and as such provides a wonderful recreational area for residents in Warrington, Runcorn and the wider area. The main purpose of the green belt is to prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another. As this proposal would result in the housing development coming right up to the village boundary there would be no green belt and Moore will no longer exist as a village.

We are also extremely concerned about the development of Port Warrington on the North side of the Manchester Ship canal which proposes a large distribution centre with huge warehousing. This development would have a devastating impact on the residents of Promenade Park which fronts onto the Ship canal opposite the proposed development. The distance between the residential park and the proposed Port Warrington is the width of the ship canal- the impact on the Park residents due to noise and activity will be immense.

Back in the 1980's Peel Holdings argued for the development of Moore Nature reserve but are now happy to destroy it, regardless of the environmental impact from both an ecological aspect and the quality of life of those living in Promenade Park. Most of the people living on the Park are elderly and have chosen to retire there for peace and relaxation. Before any permission is granted to Peel

Holdings, proper in-depth assessments need to be undertaken together with enforceable control measures in relation to noise and visual impact resulting from the development.

Finally, in relation to these proposed developments, we have real concerns about the increased traffic flow both through the village and on the town in general. We realise that the South West Urban Extension is not the only proposed development for Warrington. The town has struggled for years with the volume of traffic passing through on a daily basis and the impact this has on people's health, as a result of increased car emissions from slow moving or stationary traffic. We have 2 major "A" roads passing through the middle of the town and we are surrounded by a motorway network. Any disruption to traffic flow on the motorway network has a major impact on the town which isn't able to cope at the best of times. To add to the chaos, we have 3 swing bridges over the Manchester Ship canal which, when open for shipping, cause lengthy traffic queues, particularly at peak times. The development of Port Warrington will compound this problem as shipping will increase.

Other infrastructure is also at breaking point. Warrington and Halton Hospitals services have been cut over recent years and cannot cope with the demands of the current population. The same applies to GP, Dental and Elderly Care (whether residential or home) services.

All of these issues need addressing urgently before you consider building more housing.

