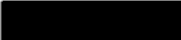


Dear Sir/Madam,  
Warrington Borough Council – Local Plan Preferred Development Option

I have lived in Moore for  after deciding to move to the village for its quaint character and rural attributes which are enjoyed by those who live here and those who visit for these specific reasons.

I am writing in relation to Warrington Borough Council's Local Plan PDO and wish to make the following points of objection regarding the loss of green belt, the detrimental impact on the community regarding general disruption, traffic and services, and impact on wildlife and wellbeing of the local population.

From reading the Warrington Local Plan it appears that it has been overlooked that Moore is a historic village within a conservation area, housing a number of listed buildings and provides villagers and visitors such as local schools, walkers, runners, cyclists and bird watchers of all ages from Warrington, and the surrounding areas with a wonderful natural resource of open fields, footpaths, towpaths and Moore Nature Reserve. Access to such natural resources and green belt are increasingly being seen to be of value in helping maintain the physical and mental health of all ages of the general population.

In addition, government identify the main purpose of green belt to prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another –this proposal would entail the building of housing right up to the village boundary at the eastern side of the village, resulting in there being no green belt left. Moore would no longer be a village, rather just 'swallowed up' by a large housing estate. I also refer to the National Planning Policy Framework paragraphs 79 to 92 which again in many instances appears to have been ignored.

The plan also refers to the green belt being poor land. However, the majority of the greenbelt is food producing which I believe the government is trying to save rather than further diminish UK food production.

The Port Warrington proposal appears to include a large distribution centre with warehousing to the north of the Manchester Ship Canal. Such development would likely generate substantial noise and light pollution for the many residents of Promenade Park who have moved there for a peaceful retirement. The site is beautifully maintained by the residents and is regularly commended by the Cheshire Best Kept Village Judges. Residents need to be reassured that all appropriate restrictions will be in place to limit disruption and the visual impact of the development.

I am also very concerned about the impact of Port Warrington on Moore Nature Reserve with regards wildlife. The reserve is not only the home for many species but migrating birds rely upon it as a stopping point in addition to sightings of the rare Bittern. The reserve must be protected for wildlife and future generations.

Finally, the plans proposals will have a huge, adverse impact on existing services in the area and local traffic. Medical centres and dentists are already full, and hospitals are under strain. The village is served by a single main road through the centre which has a number of sharp bends and limits vehicles to 7.5 ton. The few buses which currently serve the village already struggle to navigate the bends, an increase in traffic will exacerbate the situation. The village atmosphere is enhanced by the very regular sight of equestrian traffic from local stables. I cannot see how this could continue with the increase of traffic from the new development proposed.

The village and surrounding area already suffers when there are any issues on either the M56, Runcorn Bridge or the M6. This is likely to become far worse with the introduction of such large scale development proposed for the area and once both Runcorn Bridges are tolled.

