



Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to object to Warrington Borough Council's Preferred Development Option (Regulation 18 Consultation July 2017)

My main concern is the development on green belt land to the south of the ship canal in both the Grappenhall area and Walton/ Moore.

This area is Warrington's garden and Warrington should be proud they have such countryside and individual villages on their doorstep not available to other towns. It is a recreation area for all the people of Warrington, not just the people who live in this area. Many people from Warrington escape the town to visit Walton gardens, walk the many footpath trails through fields, woods, villages and canal towpaths, or visit country pubs. The proposed plan to build houses in this area will destroy the relationship between the town and the villages - the villages will become part of the town, particularly in the case of Walton and Moore.

The council's desire to gain city status is not shared by the people of Warrington. If people wish to live in sprawling suburbia, they can go 25 minutes to Manchester or Liverpool. Most people live in Warrington because it is a town with good retail, recreational and healthcare facilities. New housing should be kept to the minimum required by government and well planned to make best use of brownfield sites such as the expected hospital area and Fiddlers ferry power station.

Over the years we have witnessed severe shrinkage of the green belt between Halton and Warrington with the Sandymoor development and expansion of Daresbury labs, and this proposed development would almost close the gap completely between the two.

The roads, village parking and local health facilities (which are outside of the council's control) would not be able to cope with the increase in population as they are already choked and over-subscribed.

I am also extremely concerned about the development of Port Warrington: its impact on both Moore Nature Reserve and Promenade Park (residential area of 80 + homes in Moore)

The current infrastructure in the South Warrington area cannot cope with expansion at this level and I urge you to re-think your proposals to build both this number of homes and allow the development of Port Warrington without the required assessments and proper investigative work.

Yours faithfully,

