

Dear Sir/Madam,

**Warrington Borough Council – Local Plan Preferred Development Option**

I writing in relation to Warrington Borough Council's Local Plan PDO and wish to make the following points of objection, mainly concerning Port Warrington:

My main concern is the Port Warrington proposal which indicates a large distribution centre with huge warehousing to the north of the Manchester Ship Canal, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] I have seen the Nature Reserve develop over the time I have lived there providing a truly wonderful place for my family and many other families to enjoy the wildlife and walks for all ages. I am truly amazed how the planning regulations can allow such a significant change to the area when people are continually challenged for small house extensions in and out of green belt land.

I have worked extremely hard to allow myself to live in an area of peacefulness and extreme beauty and this will be taken away. I have also spend a lot of personal time and money to renovate my house over the past 5 years to find it will be blighted by these plans, especially Port Warrington.

What consideration has been given to the wildlife in the Nature Reserve, which has been developed and nurtured over 20+ years, I regularly see rabbits, bats, rare birds, dear, badgers, pheasants and quails to name a few, which will all be taken away, please explain to me how this is going to be replicated.

This development will not only have an impact on the Nature Reserve but on all the local residence, with the noise implication a 24/7 port will provide. The port may not be visual to some residence but the noise pollution will be continual and disruptive.

In writing the Local Plan Warrington have only considered the natural and historic assets within their 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 a fantastic natural resource enjoyed by numerous residents from Warrington and beyond, who use the footpath network, towpaths and access Moore Nature Reserve via Moore Lane (which is in Halton).

The main purpose of green belt 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 left and Moore would be ‘swallowed up’ by characterless housing estates.

This development would 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 have chosen to retire here because of its pleasant, open setting and relatively peaceful environment. Residents need the reassurance that proper assessments will be made before any permissions are granted, together with enforceable control measures, especially in relation to noise and the visual impact of development.

Finally, all of the above proposals would have a huge, adverse impact on existing services in the area. All of our local medical centres are full and the 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 the M56, the Runcorn Bridge or the M6.

