

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:

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.

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, within very close proximity of my home. 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.

I am also very concerned about the impact of Port Warrington on Moore Nature Reserve which is important for both wildlife and people in equal measure and must be protected for future generations. There are a variety of rare birds, dears and other wildlife which would be destroyed. I am also highly concerned for the noise pollution coming from the Port and how this will affect the peaceful environment, for me and everyone locally and those who come from afar to visit the Nature Reserve. My property would be blighted in financial value after recently spending a large sum of money renovating my house.

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.

