

To WHOM IT MAY CONCERN - Planning Dept.

Re: Warrington Borough Council Local Plan Consultation.

I am writing as a resident of Warrington to 100% object to Warrington Borough Council's endeavour to destroy our beautiful Greenbelt areas. It is truly disgusting the way you have not had the common decency to notify the residents of the proposals. You have deliberately tried to keep the whole process a secret, you waited for the local and parish councillors to be away on holiday in the hope of rushing the proposals through. I am glad to this has totally backfired on you. How dare you treat the people of Warrington like this, we are all individuals and you have caused so much worry and upset there are a vast number of people who have a "dark cloud" hanging over their future. An awful lot of people could very well lose their homes if your proposals are allowed to go through.

I first heard of the above proposals a couple of weeks ago. I immediately contacted the Planning Dept, I was told firstly, before getting to the Planning Dept, "not to worry, it was all just a rumour". Other residents had been told the same.

When I eventually did manage to get through, I was told by a gentleman that a possible dual carriageway would be one of the options for the Transpennine Trail. I asked how this was going to be carried out, and was told the road would be built up as a high level carriageway. So why was I told it is all a rumour?

I enjoy the beautiful trees and wonderful wild life which includes foxes, Crows, birds of prey, bats and many more. I often have birds of prey in my garden along with a family of hedgehogs. So have you ever given these beautiful creatures a thought?

I attended the consultation meeting at the Park Royal Hotel, Strutton. To say the whole event was an utter disgrace is an understatement. The video was of no help at all, it was just thrown together. No one from Warrington Borough Council stayed in the room while the video was on, Councillor Marks made his feelings very clear. We then moved into the smallest room ever to look at the Plans and try and find a representative from the Council to answer any questions. It was very clear that tactics played a big part of the meeting. Due to the vast numbers of the general public attending, half of them would not be able to get their questions answered. Why did you not pick a larger venue, have your Planning Dept staff on stage and do a Q & A debate. So everyone could hear peoples concerns.

I did [redacted] managed to speak to a gentleman from the Highways Dept. What a waste of time. He could not or would not give straight answers. I asked him should my house be issued with a CPO who was going to pay all my legal fees etc. He replied that everything was in place! Is this still a rumour then?

Then we hear from a resident of Moore that the Moore Nature Reserve is going, and guess whose name cropped up "PEEL HOLDINGS" because they want the area as a Port. I find it quite strange that all of a sudden, Peel Holdings are after all this time are going to paint the bridges. I wonder how much money has exchanged hands? It feels like PEEL HOLDINGS are pulling quite a few strings where Warrington Borough Council are concerned, are they in fact running Warrington Borough Council?

I would love to know who is going to pay for all this work? You cannot even get Warrington Town Centre right. What a "DUMP" it is. Again I notice the Council are having lovely new offices!

Also have you ever given the people whose houses may be demolished a thought! Do you even care!

And Mr. Farrel, your article in last Thursday's Warrington Guardian, you accuse people of "scaremongering"! Yet not once have you sent out letters of re-assurance to the residents! Oh I forgot you live in Chester, so your really not bothered are you? You also made out that "you" changed the cut off point from the 12th to the 29th September. Actually it was our local & Parish Councillors who fought for this extended period!

I really think Warrington Borough Council needs to re-address their plans. The amount of houses you are planning to build is outrageous, they will be totally unaffordable, the amount of traffic will be chaotic, the amount of pollution will be detrimental to our environment and our remaining wild life, should there be any left! Yet again South Warrington is targeted. Why have you not looked at the Brown sites around Fiddler's Ferry and surrounding areas? Just for the record I do not want to live in a "GARDEN CITY SUBURB", not now not ever.

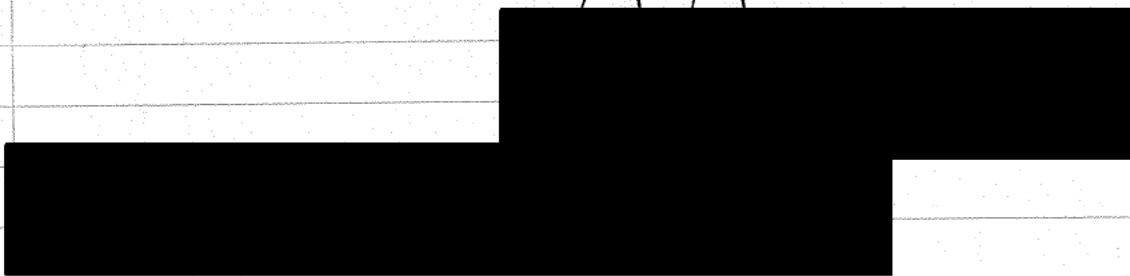
It is time to stop treating us all like idiots, you have shown not one piece of empathy or consideration. How do you sleep at night. These proposals will destroy and change the whole landscape that we love so much and our lives will never be the same again. Shame on you! I have lived in my new home for the past [redacted] years, my husband and me have worked extremely hard and spent a lot of our hard earned money to make this a "forever" home. It could be taken away in a moment. There will be many many residents with the same worry. Again where is all the money coming from? You cannot even maintain our roads etc as it is, considering all the budget cuts supposedly! You are treating the residents of Warrington and I include, Stretton, Appleton, St. Heath, Thelwall, Dymon, Grappenhall and all the other areas with utter contempt. You have really underestimated how angry and frustrated we all are! We will not give up without a fight.

I am ashamed beyond belief so much so I am sending a copy of this letter to Mrs. May, she probably will not even get to read this letter but at least I will have tried.

I really do hope our Labour MP, Mr. Rashid is going to show his worth now. It is a known fact that Labour have no time for South Warrington, he needs to remember he only just scraped into his position. There is no room for being "impartial" here. People voted you in to look after their communities. We have been treated appallingly by this Council. You really cannot allow the upset and frustration to continue, we need action from you "Now". The people have spoken, remember they voted you in and they can take it away!

Warrington Borough Council, stop this madness, leave our Greenbelt alone and let us get on with our lives.
YOU NEED TO LISTEN!!

Yours faithfully

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