



Re. Warrington Borough Council Local Plan (PDO)

Dear Sir/Madam,

Having read about the above plan, I object to it most strongly for the following reasons:

1. Environment - Appalling loss of much needed food-producing arable farmland.
2. Environment - Devastating destruction of wildlife and their habitats also bird nesting habitats.
3. Environment - Serious health worries about the resulting poisonous fumes in the atmosphere caused by the resulting traffic jams which will inevitably occur due to the inadequacy of the surrounding road system. According to the World Health Organisation Warrington is officially already the second worst place in the North West for breaching traffic-related air pollution safety levels. The massive increase in traffic exhausts would significantly add to the air pollution by daily constant traffic jams.
4. Environment - Increased danger of flooding due to loss of rain-absorbing farmland; excess ground water during frequent heavy rain will flow downwards towards the many watercourses and the Manchester Ship Canal causing severe flooding across the entire town. This will add to the already significant existing danger of flooding.
5. Loss of amenity - This area is a scene of natural beauty and is enjoyed by people from all parts of the town.
6. Loss of amenity - The Trans-Pennine Trail is a national long-distance cycle, walking and horse-riding path and to use it for a road would remove it forever for the millions of people who use it annually. Any part of it used in this way would permanently sever the path between Liverpool and West Yorkshire.
7. This would put a massive strain on the already-overburdened maintenance requirement such as highway maintenance:- for example drains and gullies are not cleaned at the moment as they should be, leading to flooded pavements in other areas of town and this situation would only get worse.
8. Total traffic gridlock on a worse scale than exists already would result and have an impact on emergency services getting to an incident scene.

Yours faithfully

