



Dear Sir / Madam,

I am writing to express my deep concern about The Preferred Development Option for Warrington.

I understand, as many will, the need for additional housing and the pressure from central government but this looks to be an ill-considered and misguided plan. One which appears to be for profit - advantageous to the few who sell the land and build the houses. Not advantageous to the many who live here.

I would like to think that the best aim for the council would be to work towards making Warrington a thriving and attractive town - this town which has decayed into a series of retail parks and roundabouts could be so much more. The proposed development option does not seem to offer anything to better the town itself - only to spread it out to become a sprawling urban area between motorways with nothing at its heart. As many have, I'm sure, said this appears to be a plan of quantity over quality.

There is also the matter of the movement of people around this new, expanded urban area. Traffic flow through and around Warrington is bad enough at the moment. Nothing in the plan suggests how it will be managed with thousands of new homes.

And what of the countryside, which is as much a part of the borough of Warrington as the urbanised area? Everybody - whether they live in the town itself or the countryside surrounding it, needs the fields and the trees and the wildlife to be found there. I am deeply concerned about the plans for 'green belt release' which, as I understand, is only permissible in 'exceptional circumstances'. What are these exceptional circumstances?

Instead now we have plans for what is rather loftily called a 'Garden City Suburb' - which is simply a suburb by another name. Once you build upon the countryside it is gone forever. What a dreadful thing for the Council to leave for future generations.

I hope you can reconsider and instead put forward a proposal for the development and improvement of Warrington which would meet with the support, rather than the opposition of so many people who live here.

Yours faithfully,

