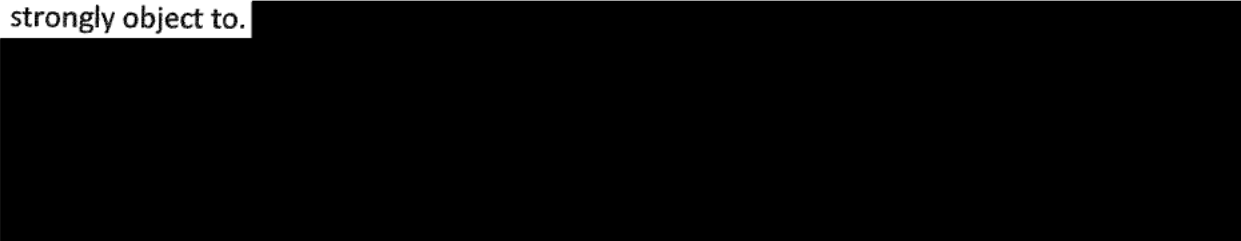


Dear Sirs,

I write to voice my great concern over the proposed 'Main Road' along the route of the Railway Embankment through Latchford, Grappenhall and Thelwall. Although I recognise the need for new housing I feel brown field sites must be developed rather than reducing our precious green belt. Naturally more housing will put excessive pressure on drainage and increase the risk of flooding. New sewers may be constructed but these will no doubt link up to existing ones which would struggle to cope. Thelwall is an area which has already flooded and residents would be left living with an increased fear of this occurring again with worse consequences.

The proposed loss of part of the Pennine Trail to accommodate a road is something I strongly object to.



The trail is continually used and enjoyed by dog walkers, like myself but also cyclists, runners and walking groups and at this time when mental health and increased worries of obesity are being flagged up to us all and promoted by the government it is somewhat contradictory that an area which promotes escape from life's pressures and an opportunity to enjoy nature in a peaceful environment is to be taken from us.

The impact on nature would be immense as many birds and animals would lose their habitats. Personally I have seen buzzards, heard owls, seen evidence of badgers and enjoyed the company of many small songbirds. How privileged we are to have these on our doorstep and how sad to think these might be lost to more concrete and traffic congestion, noise and fuel pollution. NOT conducive to good mental or physical health!

More roads will naturally lead to greater congestion and will not relieve it. Smaller local roads will end up being used as short cuts and this in turn will increase the risk of traffic accidents and incidents.

I trust my views and objections along with those you have already received will be formally noted and reason and moral consciousness for our environment will prevail so proposals will NOT come to fruition in the future.

Yours faithfully,

