

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

This letter is about Warrington Borough Councils preferred development plan option 18. I have only recently found out about this and have been told where I live may well be effected, building a road, extra businesses or spaces and thousands of new house, much of this using green belt land. I strongly object to this and have listed my reasons below:

- 1) It will directly effect the area I live in. No one has approached me, from the council, about this. Although I now have some information from other concerned residents I still have had nothing from the council and would be unaware about what was happening.
- 2) It would dramatically alter the way of life here, I think for the worse. One of my main concerns is the extra traffic it would cause. This is bad now but will only get worse. Every Friday there always seems to be "yet another accident" at or involving Junctions 18/19 of the M6, Knutsford and Lymm. The transport issues need properly addressing. Making roads wider or laying out new roads / dual carriageways, especially on greenbelt land, will not solve this problem and would

rob us of more precious, green, countryside. We should be trying to reduce traffic on our roads, not increase it. It then becomes more of a health risk (more CO²) I thought Warrington was told to improve its air quality recently, not add to the problem.

3) I look across fields [redacted] towards the penine trail. This is popular with Walkers, tourist, cyclist and is very busy most weekends. Many people come here to walk their dogs and the lanes are used for exercising Ponys and Horses... I am concerned for the way the plans might affect local wildlife and the environment. Around the area there are game birds, pheasants and partridges. Flocks of geese sometimes settle on the fields on their way home. We have hares, rabbits, foxes, badgers, stoats, squirrels bats and newts. There are many different birds (wild ducks come into my garden every year in April and stay until August) Buzzards sparrowhawks, kestrels, tree creepers, nuthatches, woodpeckers, blue/coal/great tits, different finches, Robins, wrens and Thrushes, fieldfares, blackbirds and redwings in the winter months. Not forgetting Tawny owls, Barn owls and Lapwings.

I believe that the Appleton area may also be used for further industrial development. I think this is a terrible use of greenbelt, Cheshire land which has been beautiful farmland and countryside for hundreds of years. Once destroyed it will never be the same again.

my other big concern is for the direct way it may effect my family home, at present I do not know one way or the other. It may have a serious effect on mine, and my neighbours properties. It could reduce the price of my home or make it difficult to sell.

I have been told that Warrington Borough Council are applying for City Status. If I wanted to live in a city I would move to Manchester, which provides more than enough in the way of housing, education, hospitals, culture and entertainment. Instead of trying to compete Warrington should concentrate on improving what it already has. The town centre is a disgrace. Some of the local houses are badly designed and maintained. Streets are dirty and lighting is poor. The hospital needs improving, and extra staff. Some of the schools need work and could do with extra help. This might not mean re build everything, this is not the answer. What wrong with some recycling? I am sure there are enough Brown fill sites to build on. There are some good, substantial buildings in the area that could be improved and re-used.

I am apposed to these plans put forward for this area. I hope the whole project is re-assesed and in future local people who live in the effected areas are approached and consulted.