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TO WARRINGTON BOROUGH COUNCIL PLANNING DEPARTMENT
RE. WARRINGTON B.C. LOCAL PLAN CONSULTATION

I have just returned from holiday and have just found out about your plans to destroy green belt land in South Warrington, areas including Groppenhall, Thelwall, Lymn, Appleton and Stretton all to build 8,000 new homes and to turn the trans-pennine way into some kind of dual carriageway destroying hundreds of houses along the way from Bridge Foot (Letchford) through to Lymn. (Seems odd knocking houses down to build new ones).

I object strongly to this plan along with many thousands of other Warrington residents.

I have to say that Warrington B.C. does not come out of this with very much credit, keeping the plan under wraps and then releasing the details during the summer holidays when most local and parish councillors are on holiday.

This might seem the clever thing to do, but you come out of this with very little credit.

You seem now to have made the situation ten times worse and obviously there is a backlash from residents and this is not going to go away any time soon.

P. T. O.

Can you explain to me why we didn't receive information sooner on these proposals why is everything last minute, is it designed to stop people from protesting so you could have an easy ride to push the plans through to the next stage, well I think you know the answer to that don't you, people will have their opinions listened to, it is after all their right in a democratic society. You the council have totally misread the seriousness of this situation and we won't be going away any time soon.

In Crappenthall an action group has been set up and is joining forces with other groups in South Warrington to oppose these plans and to let you know that discussion is the best way forward and other options have to be discussed.



to the Trans-pennine trail, which you will know by now is a beautiful walk or cycle ride, but more than that it is a haven for wildlife including birds of prey, foxes, owls, bats and hedgehogs and you plan to destroy all of this.

Also there are the residents from Latchford through to Lymm who all live alongside this trail, many elderly who are really worried about losing their homes, what happens to them, what are their homes going to be worth, would they be able to sell them now with this cloud of uncertainty hanging over them.

I don't think so, do you, where does that leave us.

I really do think that Warrington B.C. needs to have a serious rethink about this preferred development plan, I believe our new South Warrington M.P. Mr Faisal Rashid is fighting our corner and hopefully will oppose these plans. It would be certainly in his best interests to support us if he wishes to continue as our M.P. otherwise come the next election he will most certainly lose his seat and a Conservative or Lib - Dem will be elected.

Regarding our wonderful anti South Warrington Labour council who have very little time for us, (I guess they must think we are all rich this side of the Ship Canal), why have you decided that the bulk of these new houses 8,000 have to be build in the south west of the town, all villages will become one and you will have your garden city (who thinks up these titles and they say comedy is dead). There are other options which need to be looked at, have all brownfield sites been used, what about land in other parts of Warrington, land by Fiddlers Ferry for example, which is due to close completely by 2025. You seem to have thrown this plan together without very much thought. I guess under pressure from the Government in London and of course all the house builders waiting to make a killing from what will be very expensive homes in the south of the town, you do need an alternative plan that will be much fairer. P.T.O.

Finally there are some other points I would like to make.

Regarding the proposed dual-carriageway from Bridge foot to Lymn, what about all the extra pollution from all the vehicles, plus more gridlock around the Bridge foot area.

If any of this work was to go ahead what would happen to the traffic on the A50 where would you get through Latchford, it's bad enough now especially when the swing bridge is turned what happens when this happens alongside work on a proposed new road gridlock

I know of course that Peel Holdings who tell us when the bridges will open or close are about to repaint (at last) the three swing bridges after many years of unhelpfulness. It seems rather strange that as pointed out by many people Peel Holdings are offering up land at Walton and Moore for house building to Warrington B.C. is there a deal that's been struck here between the Peel Holdings and Warrington B.C.

The most disturbing news regarding this project is that the infamous Peel Holdings want to extend the Port of Warrington by building on the beautiful Moore Nature Reserve, I find this totally obscene what a wicked thing to do but Peel Holdings are a law unto themselves, but it is to be hoped that Warrington B.C. will oppose this, Show a bit of bottle and oppose this idea please, you are there to fight our corner, hopefully. But I won't hold my breath.

JUST TO FINISH

Some questions now I would like you to answer.

- ① Who is going to pay for the new infrastructure roads, schools, doctors surgeries and if you have done your homework how much is it going to cost.
- ② Regarding the new road designed to replace the Trans pennine way, have any of the houses that would have to be demolished along said route been issued with C.P.O.'s orders, perhaps you could clarify this to be true or untrue. Some clear answers are required.
- ③ If these houses are demolished and they will be in the hundreds, has the council the funding in place to buy them (at above market value + 20% I am informed, plus removal costs solicitors fees etc)
- ④ If you are hoping to attract new businesses to the area (mainly S.W. Warrington) where will they be built, Barleycastle at Appleton or are you planning new sites elsewhere, your maps which are very poor give very little information regarding this.
- ⑤ The houses you are proposing to build will local people be able to afford them or will they be bought by people on high salaries who don't even work in Warrington, but propable travel to work in Manchester, Liverpool. Chester etc

I look forward to hearing from some one at the planning department who can

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answer these questions, perhaps we could read a statement from Mr Farrell placed in the Warrington Guardian to explain to the Warrington public that all these protestations will be taken on board and alternatives discussed. I'm sure Mr Farrell has had lots of anger pointed in his direction and maybe he could look from our perspectives regarding our fears over these proposals.

As chief planning officer I'm sure he wouldn't like these things happening in his own city of Chester (hey lets build a new Dual Carraignway from Hoole over to Wrexham Road, don't think so do you.)

So Mr Farrell think carefully, come up with something different and get it into your head that we don't want a garden city we want our villages to remain as villages individual and beautiful not clumped together to become a blot on the landscape.

We will not let this business just carry on without a fight and we are certainly up for that.

Look forward to some kind of reply in the Warrington Guardian as we are all aware you will not be able to reply to the thousands of letters just like mine, that you will have recieved.

