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Preferred Development Option

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Standard Response Form

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2: Questions

Question 1

Do you have any comments to make about how we've worked out the need for new homes and employment land in Warrington over the next 20 years?

Response: Yes I think the council have been very underhanded in the way this had been dealt with. It's likely that my house and those of my neighbours will have a CPO on them and has this news come from the WBC – no it came from other worried residents. South Warrington has been used as a cash cow for years and there is something desperately wrong when the council puts business and profits before people's lives. Residents in the north of Warrington haven't a hope of acquiring a house in the south. Houses are needed for people in the north at affordable prices. If our house is compulsory purchased there is not a hope that we will be able to afford anywhere else in Grappenhall. We have lived in our HOME now for ■ years. The employment as far as I can tell which you are planning in the South Warrington will be warehouse positions and it will be either zero hour's contracts or minimum wages. What hope do people have? You really need to concentrate on Bridge Foot area

Question 2

Do you have any comments to make about how we've worked out the number of homes and amount of employment land that can be accommodated within Warrington's existing built up areas?

Response: We were told that the amount of houses needed in Warrington was 'Government lead' and if WBC didn't make provision to build them then the Government would insist and 'take the matter into their own hands'.

This seems to be untrue. Why do we have to be drip fed lies?

Question 3

Have we appropriately worked out the amount of land to be released from the Green Belt, including the amount of land to be 'safeguarded'?

Response: Absolutely not. You have totally ignored the wishes of the residents of Warrington. It is important to protect and maintain the character of the south Warrington and protect what 'green belt' we have. Not just for this area but for the whole of Warrington. Losing the Trans-Pennine trail would be detrimental to the area not at least for all the wildlife but for the people of Warrington. South Warrington is disproportionately affected by the PDO. North and eastern Warrington are hardly touched by the proposals. Or are they next in line? These are the people who NEED affordable housing, is it impossible to use brown sites for your proposals and re-development?

Question 4

Do you agree with the new Local Plan Objectives?

Response: No No No

Question 5

Do you have any comments to make about how we've assessed different 'Spatial Options' for Warrington's future development?

Response: Give me a clue.

So far the only proposal we have seen is for the South. To ease the traffic situation? No in years to come this will make it worse. WBC staff will be saying 'Whose ideas were these' – the staff and planners will be long gone. Think again. This mess was made in the first place by not enough thought

Question 6

Do you have any comments to make about how we've assessed different options for the main development locations?

Response: We haven't seen or understood the different options given by the council. The maps shown do not indicate the names of the roads affected clearly enough.

The staff at the meetings had conflicting answers. Is it any wonder people are up in arms? Do you care? Not a jot!

Question 7

Do you agree with our Preferred Development Option for meeting Warrington's future development needs?

Response: No. This is all too big and is defeating the object of easing the traffic situation. Yes another bridge over the Mersey could help the traffic travelling to Sankey but what about the people travelling to Winwick Road and the Cockhedge centre. Before allowing all of the shops to be built on the outskirts of town, did anyone stop to think how people would actually get there.? Not many people travel to these places on public transport, they travel by car. Think about what is happening at Junction 9 and the traffic that is being allowed to build up around Winwick Road as if it wasn't bad enough. Infrastructure of Warrington is a second thought it's all about money.

Question 8

Do you have any comments to make about our Preferred Development Option for the City Centre?

Response: This is a ridiculous argument. Warrington is NOT yet a city, why keep calling it one. The way shops are appearing on the outskirts of town there will be no-one left to visit the town. There is some wonderful architecture in Warrington that is not being made the most of instead let's build a monstrosity of a new car park. Parking in Warrington needs to be made free to attract people in. We are not Chester or Manchester or Liverpool. Let us be proud of our status as a very fine TOWN

Question 9

Do you have any comments to make about our Preferred Development Option for the Wider Urban Area?

Response: This will change Warrington for good. We will end up with hardly any green belt to speak of; the agricultural land will have been bought up by developers. All our quaint villages like Grappenhall, Thelwall, Walton, Daresbury, Moore, Lymm will be changed forever and there will be no going back. I think we should value our farmers especially now we are leaving the EU. Instead of the farmers having to leave their fields barren they could be growing crops. Let's be great again make our economy work for us. The planners are trying to do too much all at once.

Question 10

Do you have any comments to make about our Preferred Development Option for developing the Warrington Waterfront?

Response: I didn't know that there were ideas for Warrington waterfront. However I suppose it depends on what the planners have in mind.

Question 11

Do you have any comments to make about our Preferred Development Option for the Warrington Garden City Suburb?

Response: Here is the word City – again. We have green belt land that you want to develop so that you can make a garden city suburb!!!!!! We have several parks in the area we are very fortunate there. What TOWN could boast about something as lovely as Walton Gardens. People come for miles to the gardens.

Please THINK why we need a garden city suburb. In fact I asked this question at one of the meetings and quite rightly a lady said with a further 24,000 houses we probably would need a garden suburb.

Question 12

Do you have any comments to make about our Preferred Development Option for the South Western Urban Extension?

Response: Too many houses will totally spoil the character of the whole of the south of Warrington. We need to preserve our rural settings for the villages.

Question 13

Do you have any comments to make about our Preferred Development Option for development in the Outlying Settlements?

Response: Precisely 'outlying settlements'. What good will these bring apart from extra income for council tax etc the property will be out of range for Warringtonian people who really really need housing. They will be not affordable or social housing for them. Where will these people shop, I don't think Warrington will be at the top of their list.

I am disgusted at the idea of letting Peel Holdings have so much influence in Warrington, I am especially thinking of the Moore Nature Reserve. This is such an important place. Why do we need a Port Warrington to decimate the nature reserve. There are children in Warrington who have NEVER been over any of the swing bridges, certainly not to Walton Gardens or Moore Nature Reserve. These children are missing out. Families cannot afford to take their children on days out. This is what is happening in Warrington while others are just getting rich on other people's misery. Where is the justice in that?

Question 14

Do you agree with our approach to providing new employment land?

Response: I agree that employment should be found for people. At what cost? If these are warehouses which are offering employment are they going to be on minimum wage or zero hour contracts? How will people get to these places, how will they travel? By public transport? Our bus fare from Grappenhall to the town is £2, so how much per week would it be for people from the north of Warrington? It's not just providing land it providing proper jobs with proper wages

Question 15

Do you agree with our suggested approach for dealing with Gypsy and Travellers and Travelling Showpeople sites?

Response: It would be much better for the gypsies to have a permanent site like the one at Walton where others could join them for a minimum length of time. It would save money in the end on police time and those who have to clear up after them

Question 16

Do you agree with our suggested approach for dealing with Minerals and Waste?

Response: I am unable to comment on this question

Question 17

Having read the Preferred Development Option Document, is there anything else you feel we should include within the Local Plan?

Response: I'm sorry but I cannot possibly agree with it. There needs to be a new way of dealing with the traffic in Warrington especially at Bridge Foot, but also Mersey Street, Winwick Road etc and I feel that this plan is money driven and isn't for the good of the community. Think about the rest of Warrington.