



Objection to the Preferred Local Development Plan

I have read the proposed plan and also I went to the consultancy at the Park Royal Hotel. I would like to object to the above PLDP

My first observations, having seen the plan and considerations, that this must have been prepared over a considerable amount of months without any input from certainly our local Parish Councils or any residents. Although the plan made reference to congestion within and around Warrington I don't believe that any of the proposals seem to address the real issues, just tinkering around the edges.

There was chaos at the public consultation at the Park Royal with queues of people trying to get in. It was badly organised and should have had extra events at the venue. I managed to speak to someone from the council about our specific area, where there are plans to make our area part of the Garden Suburb, South East Warrington. The diagrams were difficult to assess, it looked like a map of the area had been covered with tracing paper and different coloured blotches to show housing and employment with dotted lines for proposed roads. The important ones were displayed below knee height so you had to kneel on the floor! I was told that the current housing proposed from HCA wasn't part of the PLDP as this was considered to be already approved, it has not ! I was also told that there were no plans for relief roads for the 'approved' housing traffic and infra structure needs. There are 1000 home to be built in Appleton Cross, Pewterspear and Grappenhall Hayes, plus potential plans for a build on the central field in Appleton Thorn. I would suggest that these infra structure needs are addressed first before even considering a further 6000 plus homes being planned in the area. Of course extra traffic will be going to Stockton Heath where there are current traffic problems. There are queues in Lumbrook Road at the traffic lights by the Bridgewater canal bridge there are no relief roads suggested there.

I have assessed where roughly the development will be surrounding Appleton Thorn and the traffic congestion would be horrendous through the village, especially at the Arley Road junction with Stretton Road. Stretton would have a huge traffic problem although there is a proposed 'relief' road to avoid the Cat and Lion junction merging with the A49 closer to the M56 junction. The traffic from the village and through to the Lymm Interchange cannot possibly be coped with and there are no proposals just increased housing and retail parks as well as increased business parks near the AT Trading Estate. Anyone trying to get on to the M6/M56 at the Lymm interchange at 5pm from Appleton Thorn will know exactly what I mean, because of traffic from the current Appleton Thorn Industrial Estate.

We all know extra homes have to be built but surely not at the expense of huge swathes of green belt being built on and causing an urban spread from Warrington. The character of villages such as Appleton Thorn and Grappenhall will be ruined. Anyone who has been to any new Garden City knows that there is no heart.