

Proposed plans for new High Level Strategic (main) road along the route of the former railway embankment through Latchford/Grappenhall/Thelwall.

I wish to express my concerns regarding the above proposals and my anger at the lack of consultation with residents affected by this plan. My concerns are based around the following points:

- Money should be used in a more positive way to keep the motorways (M6,M56,M62) surrounding Warrington running and able to meet the demands of the new proposal.
- My residential area, [REDACTED] is surrounded by a good network of major roads. Knutsford road and Thelwall New road are two examples. Another major road will span the close and is an unnecessary proposal.
- Considerable warehousing is already available North of Warrington along the M62 motorway. Appleton Thorn is another example of warehousing south of Warrington. Do we need more roads and heavy goods vehicles in the area???
- As a resident [REDACTED] I will be affected considerably by the proposal to convert the overhead railway bridge that spans the Manchester ship canal. My main concerns are:
  1. Air pollution from buses, heavy goods vehicles and everyday traffic. The emissions from a diesel vehicle have been proven to affect the health of people living in the vicinity. There is already diesel pollution from boats using the Ship canal, this has increased recently and further traffic WILL affect the air quality.
  2. [REDACTED] the constant noise and echoing generated by the volume of traffic will destroy the peaceful environment and wildlife in the local area.
  3. There will be considerable dust, debris and noise whilst the bridge and embankment are constructed and afterwards when the highway is used to its full potential.
  4. The stress of the proposal and the worry of future plans have limited the chances of selling property in the close. The inconvenience and inability to plan any future house move for the next 10/20 years is a constant worry.

Warrington was and always will be a TOWN within the Cheshire boundary. The centre of the town has now become a disgrace and thought needs to be given to the centre before more homes, roads and industrial units are developed. The Council seems to be intent on obtaining city status at the expense of its residents. The local infrastructure, HOSPITAL, SCHOOLS and HEALTH CENTRES are already stretched to breaking point, do we need more pressure on these services?

My final point is regarding the total lack of information circulated to residents affected. A leaflet pushed through my letterbox is not an appropriate way of communicating. The tight deadline to express views/concerns does not give people time to evaluate and feedback their views. Lots of residents are still on holiday and will have no chance to speak and express their concerns. Due to commitments during the first two weeks of September I am unable to attend any of the two schedule meetings, I am sure there are lots of people in the same situation.

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