

COMPLAINT AND OBJECTION;

RE; Proposed main Road along Rail embankment through Latchford/Crafferhall and Thelwall:

Dear Sir,

I had the enclosed placed in my porch in the early hours today!! Firstly, Warrington is not a city and never will be. It has also recently had that application rejected in "London".

It is a single railway track with a small embankment and is not suitable for anything other than as a wildlife habitat and green space; which is a legal requirement in Urban Areas.

The Impact of such a notion would:-

- 1, Not only destroy people's homes but adversely affect their lives and employment.
- 2, for those people slightly further away; it, would not only de-value their homes but destroy their quality of life with the noise, fumes from more traffic (pollution) as well as the loss of light and vegetative screening.
- 3) The area under question is also home to a lot of wildlife and protected species like badgers. It is also home to Birds of prey which I have seen there.
- 4) In this area Our lady's school is directly next to the embankment which would further make this an unsuitable area for such development.

A more 'plausible' route for a dual-carriageway would be the Manchester-shipp Canal!! This canal is not used now - as it once had been.

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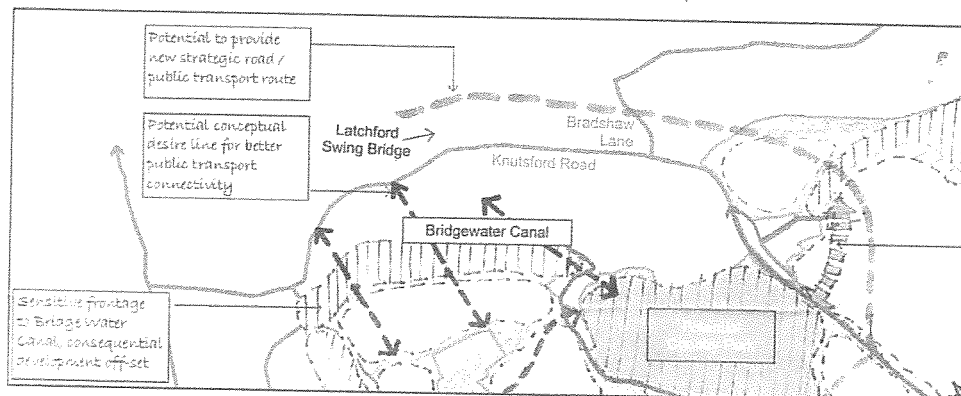
## LIMITED TIME LEFT TO MAKE YOUR CONCERNS HEARD!

### Re: Proposed 'Main Road' along route of Railway Embankment through LATCHFORD/GRAPPENHALL & THELWALL in Warrington 'New City' Development Plan currently under consultation

Dear Resident,

Are you aware that there are proposals to accommodate a new High Level Strategic (main) Road route from 'Warrington Waterfront' (Bridgefoot area) along the route of the former railway embankment through Latchford/Grappenhall/Thelwall – the blue dotted line on the map below?

The plans state this new route may be required to "deliver the full extent of the Garden City Suburb" as it will open up access to the proposed land 'protected' for use in the second phase.



This potential "Strategic/Public Transport route" is in effect, a new road for buses and taxis plus general traffic and is **likely to result in the widening of the current embankment to accommodate the roadway on top and a replacement bridge structure.**

To create even a single track road in both directions, plus cyclepath and footpath, would mean widening the whole embankment to accommodate this. If this route investment is to be 'future-proofed', a dual carriageway is highly likely – as is already the case for large sections of other main roads from the town centre to the motorway junctions, e.g. Liverpool/Manchester Road (A57) and Winwick Road (A49). Therefore the impact may be even greater, with further compulsory purchase and demolition of existing homes.

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Alternatively, the current embankment may be removed and replaced with a concrete/straight-sided raised roadway, as shown in the current artist's impressions for the Western Link. This would still impact on adjacent residents through loss of light and vegetative screening. The building of any new road/expressway will also increase noise and air pollution in the locality, as well as removing habitat on this current green corridor.

**Gardens, homes and woodland along this route are potentially under threat of demolition, yet there has not been any local consultation. Future confirmation of this route may affect house values and the ability to sell property. At this moment in time, the Council has made no formal recognition that this will be the case.**

These plans have been announced without the results of any future traffic model studies having been provided, yet plans are being rushed through on minimum consultation periods. The following effects could all divert even more traffic from the existing motorway network through residential areas:

- the implementation of new tolls on the new and old Runcorn-Widnes bridges
- projected increases in HGV movements for Ship Canal container distribution
- existing motorway congestion from accidents/rush-hour increases/closures of viaducts due to high winds (particularly if the current swing bridge crossings are removed).

Even if the tolls in Halton are eventually reduced, traffic is still likely to increase in Warrington because of the provision of new free crossings (the Western Link and this potential South Eastern Link) and the development of land adjacent to these new routes.

These plans have taken years to get to their current state, yet their announcement and the start of the 8-week consultation period have been delivered post-election and now coincide with the main school holiday period, when many people are away. Parish councils don't sit in August to discuss these impacts, which include some of the biggest changes to the town's greenbelt in the last 20-30 years. Only a meagre time extension (two and a half weeks) is available if they notify the council now.

No Information Roadshow has been planned for the Grappenhall and Latchford/Thelwall areas, even though they are bearing the brunt of the planned increases in new executive homes and extended warehouse distribution sites near to the motorways. At the same time, areas facing lower levels of proposed development **have** had local information briefings (e.g. Birchwood, Lymm and Winwick).

**It's not too late to make your voice heard!**

**Phase 1 Consultation ends Tuesday 12th September 2017 at 5pm.**

- Contact your Parish and Local Councillors and MP (contact details below).
- Demand a local consultation event be held in Grappenhall and Latchford/Thelwall, with paper copies of consultation forms and development proposals made available locally.
- Complete the online or paper feedback forms (obtainable from libraries) and forward with further comments by email to [ldf@warrington.gov.uk](mailto:ldf@warrington.gov.uk)

**Having your views in writing is the only way they can be recorded to influence any further decisions. Spread the word and awareness of these plans; the time to influence them is now!**

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