



As a resident of Warrington all my life I am deeply worried and shocked by the preferred development option which has been put forward by Warrington borough council. I have numerous concerns and worries about the impact this could have on the town and the quality of life of the people of Warrington. I know there is need for some development over the next 20 years but think this preferred development option should be scrapped, scaled down and completely rethought to avoid losing precious green belt land and the trans penine trail as we know it, which is a popular walking/cycling route the people of Warrington enjoy and feel privileged to have. I will list my concerns as bullet points to keep my response shorter and more to the point.

1- Traffic and air pollution

- That amount of traffic currently on Warrington's roads and surrounding motorway junctions is already often gridlocked at rush hours each day and this is without the potential of an extra 40000 cars the p.d.o could bring onto Warrington's roads. No amount of changes to infrastructure could solve this problem if the current p.d.o was to go ahead.

- We already have the second worst air pollution in the north west without all the extra cars the p.d.o would bring to the roads. The air pollution would only get worse which would cause more health problems for this generation and future generations in Warrington. How would w.b.c solve this problem?

2- Loss of green belt

- Green belt land should be preserved at all costs as it is a home to our wildlife such as badgers, foxes, bats, owls and great crested newts. It is an asset for the people of Warrington to enjoy, stops urban sprawl and gives our villages their identity, contains mature woodland which should be protected and enjoyed by everyone, is a natural flood defence as it absorbs large amounts of rainwater. Once green belt land is gone it can never be replaced please bear this in mind.

- The p.d.o focuses heavily on the 'garden city suburb' which is all proposed in south Warrington and destroys virtually all of the green belt land in the area around Grappenhall and Appleton. I feel the development of houses/employment land on greenbelt should be avoided as much as possible and spread out around the whole of the town rather than concentrating on one area and taking away the identity and heritage of this area.

3- Amount of development

- Is there a need for development on this scale? especially after Brexit and the uncertainty it brings to the population in this country. The level of development being proposed is simply not needed.

- It seems w.b.c have aspirations of Warrington becoming a city and are proposing far more development than is actually needed or required by the government. This is not what the people of Warrington want. Warrington is a town and people live here because they want to live in a town where they can enjoy nature trails and greenbelt land.

4 - brownfield sites

- all brownfield sites should be developed first and Warrington should have a brownfield register which indicates sites for developers to consider building on.

- Warrington's need for housing could be met by using brownfield sites only if the development is scaled down to what is needed/required by the government in our town.

5 - healthcare

- the p.d.o would put extra strain on Warrington hospital which is already struggling to cope with the population in Warrington as it stands now, is another hospital going to be built to take some pressure off the current one?

6 -education

-Warrington's schools are already struggling to cope with demand being put on them, how many more schools would be needed to cope with the extra development of the proposed p.d.o.?

Please listen to the people of Warrington and our concerns before our town is changed for the worse forever. Scrap the current p.d.o and rethink a new one with less development. Save our green belt land and trans penine trail which we feel privileged to have.

Regards

