



## **Response to the Warrington Preferred Local Plan Consultation**

I have a further comment on the Local Plan Consultation.

The consultation does not appear to consider the environmental impact of the number of houses within the proposed garden city development in terms of provision of energy (heating).

Given recent funding directives from central government (DEFRA's HNDU schemes) and the government agenda to reduce carbon and cut heating bills for consumers, a development of the scale proposed must consider a decentralised heating network (or district heating system).

This does not appear to have been considered at all within the preferred option proposals.

Furthermore, the section on waste and minerals discusses the development of a facility to produce a refuse derived fuel. The logical next step for this is a facility to burn the fuel to produce the required hot water for the district heating system.

There is no mention of an energy-from-waste facility being located within the garden city development.

### **Summary.**

#### **On the basis that**

1. Without a district heating network, the garden city proposals will not meet the carbon aspirations of the government; and
2. There is no mention of an energy from waste plant as part of the garden city proposals. This is the logical link between the minerals and waste section of the consultation, and the requirements for carbon reduction.

**I consider that the Preferred Development Option incomplete, and therefore it must be withdrawn.**

Yours faithfully,

