



Dear Sir/Madam,

I wish for a review of the planning application for the proposed development of 24,000 new houses across the whole of Warrington on grounds of lack of infrastructure, traffic implications, noise pollution and a potential increase in the already breaching air pollution levels from removal of greenbelt land.

There is a lack of infrastructure and basic facilities in many areas of the town especially the South of Warrington. There is a lack of facilities in the South and many residents struggle to gain a doctors or dentist appointments and there is a shortage in Primary School places. There is a suggestion in the Local Plan that schools and a health centre will be built, however where in the development process these will occur is debatable putting further strains on our current facilities. Lack of infrastructure is also another key issue. The levels of traffic in Warrington already causes major disruption to residents and commuters daily. With the build of 24,000 new homes you can assume the introduction of at least another 48,000 cars on our roads. The roads can barely cope with the traffic we have now and the need for new infrastructure is necessary. New roads/bridges have been suggested in the plan however these will require the compulsory purchase of homes in the Thelwall/Grappenhall area as well as destruction of some of the loved Transpennine Trail. This seems unnecessary and the route appears to just re-route traffic to already busy roads. In addition, the construction of the new toll bridge in Runcorn will further implicate the traffic in Warrington as many commuters will bypass the toll bridge by traveling through Warrington. How will the roads cope with the strain of the construction vehicles and the proposed resident's vehicles?

There may be plans to encourage residents to use other forms of transport however this unrealistic as there are not many workplaces in the local vicinity and many residents will have to travel to Warrington town centre, Birchwood, or neighbouring towns to reach their workplace, meaning that alternative forms of transport (bicycles, on foot, etc.) will not be used. Over the past few years the bus service in Appleton and the surrounding areas as well as other areas in Warrington has been diminishing, meaning services have been either been cut completely or their frequency has been seriously reduced. By the time of completion of this large proposed housing development, the local bus services in Warrington may have been reduced even further meaning that this is not a viable mode of transport. Leaving personal vehicular transport the only viable mode of transport.

This leads onto the next issue of a potential increase in already breaching air pollution levels. Warrington has been identified by the World Health Organisation for having breached the safe levels of PM2.5, and was acknowledged as the second worst town in the North West for air pollution levels. The construction of these houses may also contribute negatively to air pollution levels. The act of clearing the land, working with construction materials, and operation of machinery with diesel engines is known to increase levels of air pollution, so the development of this residential area is most likely to cause an increase levels of air pollution in the local area. In addition, once these houses have been constructed the levels of air pollution may increase further from the large increase in number of cars. Elevated air pollution levels are associated with respiratory conditions (such as asthma) and cardiovascular diseases, and can have negative health impacts on those with conditions such as chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD). How are you going to ensure that air pollution levels do not rise and that local resident's health is not affected?

As well as air pollution, there is also the issue of noise pollution levels. Noise from the adjacent land to one of the local proposed development sites can be heard from London Road and further afield. This is a common occurrence when football matches and other sporting activities take place on these fields, and the noise can be heard within the houses in the local. If the noise echoes from these fields

then it is expected that noise will be heard clearly from the proposed development site. Construction noise is considerably louder than that from sporting activities and would therefore disturb local residents. Such actions will be taking place all across town and will cause mass obstructions.

The mass reduction in greenbelt land is one of the most worrying issues in the Local Plan. The loss of a potential 2349.24 hectares for housing and employment land is very concerning and will impact negatively on resident's health and general well-being. Loss of such land will significantly reduce the air quality and will reduce the amount of areas residents have for recreational activities. From the proposed plans, there are areas that have been noted as a potential 'park' location. However, I do not believe that a park is in any form a substitute for green belt land.

I would like to know how these issues would be addressed and to ensure that the local residents aren't negatively impacted.

Yours Faithfully

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