

The Local Plan suggested and associated documentation is a lot to take in at once and therefore a little scary for people to read. Lots of facts, figures, plans of Warrington and text which professionals would find easy to digest. It's an important development period for the future of Warrington, but I think the Plans may have been better received if given in stages. At the moment there seems to be Consultations and Plans everywhere which unsettles people and causes anxiety. All of a sudden the term Garden City is being put about, without anyone realising this is what they apparently want.

Greenbelt land is slowly being eaten away – this has been going on for a long time in Callands, Westbrook, Chapelford with no real mention unless you live nearby. I appreciate land is needed for housing and businesses, but don't forget a lot of people are also attracted to a place by how much greenbelt land surrounds it. Gradually filling up the greenbelt will soon mean that Warrington adjoins other large towns in the area and that we won't be able to be proud of our green spaces and villages. This land is only up for development for financial gain not necessarily to benefit Warringtonians. We are already nicely positioned between the cities of Liverpool and Manchester which people seem to be happy with. In Sankey Bridges we are already losing a valuable part of Sankey Valley to the Western Link Road – thanks for that.

Various prominent cities around the world seem to thrive even with large parkland taking up central space. This is what people seem to seek out. These green spaces are well used and needed this day-and-age – very beneficial for physical and mental health as we keep getting told by health professionals.

These new houses are meant to attract more people to Warrington for work and lifestyle purposes – how many of these will be affordable housing for local people? A lot of these houses will be on the outskirts of Warrington enabling people easy access to their jobs and lifestyles elsewhere. Therefore not actually contributing to the local economy etc.

Can our roads and services take more residents and cars – not from what I see everyday. I don't think all our traffic problems will be solved by one Link Road, which seems to be what WBC think. We have many "town" roads which are at full capacity anyway. I feel that the village lanes and country roads we have will definitely struggle to cope and more plans for roads will need to be developed later.

Many areas of Warrington have massive warehouses and office buildings which are empty, some have been that way since being built. This is such a waste and more should be done to fill these before more even larger warehouses are dumped on us. As mentioned above, these developments may not benefit the town anyway. A lot of these businesses may trade and contribute elsewhere.

If people don't have to pass through or go near to our town centre they won't bother spending their money there, perhaps choosing large retail parks accessible by the easy links to the motorways. This may even make the town centre a last resort for some and even a bit redundant.