

28 September 2017

Dear Sir

We wish to object in the strongest terms to the Warrington Local Plan 2017.

We are particularly concerned by applications

R18/007 – Land at Newton Road /Old School House Lane ,
Winwick

R18/064 - Land off Hollins Lane / Ladies Walk

R18/040 - Highfield Farm, Waterworks Lane, Winwick

But are also extremely concerned by the wider impact of all the applications for Winwick , Burtonwood, Croft, Glazebury, Culcheth.

Green Belt -

We understand that the Council must demonstrate exceptional circumstances to allow development in the Green Belt. This plan would be extremely harmful, to a narrow and vulnerable stretch of greenbelt, which we feel must be maintained to allow the distinct separation of the villages of Winwick , Burtonwood, Croft, Glazebury, Culcheth and Newton-le-Willows. The proposed development would destroy further green belt land, in an area which needs to keep every piece of green it can. All Councils have a duty to preserve green land for future generations.

Why destroy acres of green land when brown field sites could be developed instead.

Pollution -

The sites would create detrimental air quality levels, as would the increased traffic from any developments.

There would also be increased light pollution.

Traffic – The A49 is already at saturation point and frequently gridlocked. Additional vehicle movements from any development would be at a danger to both road users and pedestrians and an unacceptable disruption to people's health and well being.

Visual Amenity -

Surely planning guidelines exist to prevent such intrusion in the countryside. Site R18/064 is a particularly beautiful field both visually and historically. The view from the field of the ancient St Oswald's church is a delight in all seasons and any proposed housing would lose this forever.

To summarise , we object to the Local Plan, along with many others in the town, as shown in our participation in the local petition, below :

We require that Warrington Borough Council scrap the entire Preferred Development Option plan.

We require that the 'aspirations for massive growth', the adverse impacts of which would significantly and demonstrably outweigh any supposed benefits, be forthwith abandoned and that Warrington Borough Council concentrate on delivering a draft local plan which reflects the true needs and aspirations of the residents of Warrington.

We require that the housing target is significantly reduced to reflect true local need rather than through any forced, unsustainable growth of the town.

We require an environmentally friendly plan which is genuinely based on community and citizen led needs rather than one which is land speculator / developer led. A plan which respects, protects and reflects our historical and cultural identity, our landscape, greenbelt, green fields and natural habitats and which contributes positively to our health and wellbeing.

We insist on our right to 'self-determination' and insist that we are granted fair and genuine opportunity at all times and in all circumstances to participate fully and effectively in shaping our future and the future of the town we live in.

Yours sincerely

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