

I am extremely worried about the levels of pollution in the area caused by what will be a significant increase in traffic, cars associated with the new building of homes and work units in the area. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] There is also a concern on the impact the increase in pollution will have on asthma sufferers and those with cardiovascular health conditions and their ability to access the local medical amenities e.g. Drs Surgeries, Warrington General and the NHS. I have noticed that most of my neighbours are retired and later on in their lives, many of whom I would class as vulnerable. Their health and ability to access medical care must not be ignored.

I understand that in 2013 4.8% of deaths in Warrington were caused by man-made particulate pollution in the air, this is more than the 4.6% UK average. The plans are only going to increase deaths and have disproportionate negative impact on the vulnerable and old in the area.

I understand that only last year the World Health Organisation said that Warrington was the second worst place in the Northwest for air pollution safety levels. Warrington is not even a city! The council needs to protect its citizens and not increase these levels by going ahead with the proposed development which will increase the population of the town and increase pollution level and therefore out not only the existing residents at risk but also those coming in to live in area esp. children and the vulnerable.

Staying on the health issue, I worry about the decreased area of green belt left remaining and ability for children to access green land for the purpose of exercise. There is already an obesity epidemic, we should be encourage the young and concreting over the green best.

I also worry about the flooding in the area should the proposed development go ahead. We have the Ship Canal and the Bridgewater canal and by concreting over the land as planned there is little land to absorb flood or rain water. The field in the area already flood in heavy rain, this is only going to get worse.

I also worry on the increased the cars and other increased transport will have on the local infrastructure if the plans go ahead. I am aware that Warrington has a higher percentage of people commuting than the northwest average. I know that Warrington has a higher percentage of households with 2 or more cars than the national average. How can the road network cope with a further substantial increase? It is already chaos accessing the motorways in the morning.

Finally I am planning [REDACTED] to start a family and I worry about the long term impact the plans will have on my children in terms of their ability to access GP surgeries, primary and secondary schools. The competition will be very tough and may force children who have lived in the area for much longer to attend school further away. I particularly worry about the ability of local children to access secondary school places in the area if the plan goings ahead. Insufficient thought has been given to this issue of demand for secondary school places.