

To the Planning Policy Team,

I write to object to the current "ideas" with the PDO development south of the Manchester Ship Canal. More specifically I object to the building of 1800 new homes. More specifically my concern lies with the apparent lack of thought given to the infrastructure that is necessary to accompany such development.

I have lived in Warrington long enough to remember the proposals made by the then New Town Development Corporation in the late 1980's and early 1990's. That houses should be built around Dudlows Green and Pewterspear was fair. However further infrastructure to accompany this development was not completed. I refer to the proposed construction of a district centre in Appleton along the lines of the centre at Westbrook with a MEDICAL FACILITY, shops and a cinema. The district centre did not come to fruition in Appleton for a number of reasons including a general economic downturn in the market in the early 90's. Subsequently land that the medical practice should have been built on was deemed too expensive for the NHS to pay for.

As a consequence I know that the medical centre in Stockton Health struggles with the number of patients it is expected to treat. One fears that history could well repeat itself with respect to land costs and the burden of extra patient numbers landed on already stretched primary care services in the town. One also wonders about the "promise" of a new primary in a similar way.

I also have first hand experience of the Chapleford development in north west Warrington, having been a [REDACTED] in Westbrook for [REDACTED] years. The doctors surgery at Chapleford has yet to be built and the school building was not completed until other local schools were considerably overcrowded and Sycamore Lane Primary school was closed.

In addition I have concerns regarding the building of roads to support the increased population and its impact on existing housing and residential areas, potential problems with traffic and the (already excessive) number of cars on Warrington roads.

Once again I would like to express my objection to the PDO as it stands.

Yours faithfully,

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