

Dear Sirs

I wish to lodge my objection to the Preferred Development Plan for Warrington. I ask that it be abandoned and replaced by a plan which truly puts the wishes and the well-being of the current residents of Warrington at the centre of the process and not treat them as an afterthought or an inconvenience. Having lived in Warrington all my life, I was horrified to read about WBC's proposals and vision for Warrington over the next twenty years.

Why are you considering building a road along the Trans Pennine Trail, a pathway enjoyed by many whether walking, running or cycling? This high level road would cut through well-established communities in Grappenhall, Thelwall and Latchford and be very detrimental to the people who live there. In building this wonderful Garden Suburb for all the people who don't yet live in Warrington, you are quite prepared to ruin the lives of true Warringtonians! You can't just build a community, it has to grow and evolve over many years.

The Green Belt is there for a reason, to stop urban sprawl and to stop communities merging together, so why are you intending to build a huge Garden Suburb which will join up Appleton Thorn, Stretton and Grappenhall and totally destroy the character of the area? Do we really need as many houses as you say or is it just another way for WBC to move one step closer to city status? The residents of South Warrington don't want our individual villages turning into a huge characterless housing estate and we don't want to be a city.

Have you really taken into account all the possible brownfield sites which might become available in the next twenty years? Why do green fields need to be earmarked today for building in the future when other brownfield sites like Fiddler's Ferry will more than likely become available? Why do we have to commit today to building 24000 new houses when your assumptions for future growth could be well off the mark? Why are the majority of houses being built in South Warrington, isn't it a burden that should be shared throughout the town?

As a general ear old who loves living in Warrington and who assumed would spend the rest of my life living in Warrington I feel totally let down by the PDO. I see Warrington's future as a well-loved town made up of thriving communities and surrounded by easily accessible countryside, it is an absolute shame that WBC's vision is so different to mine! Please abandon the PDO and start again with the residents of Warrington and their wishes at the centre of the process.

Yours Faithfully

