

I write to you in connection with the preferred development option for Warrington Borough Councils Local Plan. My points are especially directed towards the following:

Warrington Borough Councils Local Plan – Warrington South West Extension

Warrington Western Link, Recommended route announcement

I am a resident of Warrington and on the ninth of September 2017, I was first informed by a neighbor about the plans of Warrington Borough Council in reference to their Local Plan and the Preferred Development Option. On September 10, 2017, I attended a public consultation held at the pyramid center in Warrington town center. Still in shock, my mother, my granddad, grandmother, aunt and cousin and I stared in disbelief at the proposals and plans set out by the council. I find these plans to be not only unrealistic as a prediction of growth for Warrington over the next twenty years but also a misapprehension of what growth will look like in the future. As you and I both know these things are unpredictable and figures are often misguided. My main points in regards to the above are Warrington has a history of traffic congestion, which over the past ten years we have seen rise to unprecedented levels, not to mention the rise in pollution as a direct result. The proposed local plan is not only going to intensify this further but with the addition of more housing, a larger employment area, demand for more schools, health services, leisure facilities, commercial developments and road infrastructure. How is it possible to improve the already existing issue? The Warrington South Extension shows that it is proposed that 1,831 new homes are to be built, a new primary school, local Centre, local park and satellite health facility. As I am sure that you are well aware and by now well accustomed to the plan. My question to you W.B.C is how on earth can the release of such a large amount of Green Belt land across the whole of the borough of Warrington be a step towards improving matters. Loss of habitat, increasing pollution, rubbish and household waste are just the tip of the iceberg when it comes to economic matters surely this is detrimental not an improving vision for the future. More infrastructures will bring more development hence resulting in more congestion and so forth and so forth. With the inclusion of the Warrington Western Red Route planned to reduce traffic this too is a doomed scenario; as the flow of traffic will only increase due to the tolls on both the existing old jubilee bridge and the new crossing. As this is also planned to pass over Morley common which is a flood plain and will inevitably result in flooding becoming a much larger issue. I would like to take this opportunity to appeal to you W.B.C to seriously reconsider the intended plans for the town of Warrington. I am aware of growth and the need for affordable housing but please remember that your existing residents do require a certain quality of life. The way the council has not approached residents about the plans other than via social media is a sham and how can you expect respect for your considerations if you yourselves fail to consider the very people that pay your council tax. I therefore urge you to think again and your response is eagerly awaited. Kind Regards