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Planning Policy Team
Warrington Borough Council
New Town House
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28th September 2017

Dear Sir/Madam,

Objection in Warrington Borough Council's Preferred Development Option for the Area including the development of 'Port Warrington'

I am writing to add my voice to the many others who are opposed to the above plans.

I have lived in Warrington all my adult life until moving to Sandymoor [REDACTED] years ago, my parents live in Moore and my [REDACTED] children have all grown up in the area, attended Moore Nursery, Daresbury Primary School, Rainbows, Brownies, Guides, Beavers, Cubs and Scouts. We have all enjoyed living in a green and open environment, appreciating the surrounding fields and green spaces. We are grateful that we live near Moore Nature Reserve, a wildlife sanctuary, and my children have all benefitted from being able to learn about nature and the local flora and fauna. These spaces are enjoyed by many people, locals and by others who travel from out of the area. To lose this beautiful countryside would be devastating to both the wildlife and visitors. Peel Holdings created and the Nature Reserve when seeking approval for the excavation of resources in the 1980's and should honour what it has given to the Community, not use it as a pawn in a land grab.

I am concerned about the number and type of houses which WBC wish to build. The areas of Moore, Stretton, Walton, Hatton and Appleton are all highly sought after locations, and house prices reflect this. Starter homes are desperately needed in these areas for our young people who are desperately trying to gain a foothold on the property ladder. All the housing currently being built, even in Sandymoor, is unattainable for a first time buyer. If 2000 new homes are to be built – will these be executive homes or homes for the young generation?

Where will all these people find employment? Surely it makes sense to build homes nearer to places of employment, creating less traffic, and making use of brown field sites or redeveloping derelict areas.

Also, our infrastructure, roads, bus services, doctor and dental surgeries, shops, leisure facilities are sadly lacking in Moore and Sandymoor. I moved to Sandymoor [REDACTED] years ago and we have only just been given a bus service that runs twice hourly and once an hour on Sundays! We don't have any local amenities, Moore Post Office or Windmill Hill are our nearest shops, our doctors surgery was closed in March at Windmill Hill. We now travel to Stretton for medical advice. If 2000 more homes

are built with an average of 4 people per house, our already overstretched services will collapse. Developers are only interested in making a profit, amenities and services are of no interest to them.

In October/November Halton Borough Council will reveal their 'PDO' plans which will devour what little green space there is on the other side of Moore and Sandymoor. Perhaps WBC and HBC should work together to support the people's opposition to these plans. Faisal Rashid and Mike Amesbury should oppose the Governments Directive in Parliament on behalf of their constituents.

I urge you to re-consider and reject these plans on behalf of our beautiful town and villages, and protect what little green space we have left for our future generations.

Yours sincerely

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