

PEWTERSPEAR GREEN TRUST

Please reply to:

Sports Pavilion,

Beamish Close,

Stretton,

Warrington.

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31st July 2017

Telephone: 01925

Dear

Warrington BC Local Plan - Preferred Development Option: Garden City Suburb

I refer to the recent consultation events regarding the preferred development options for the Local Plan and have seen the proposals for the creation of a Garden City Suburb in the South of Warrington.

Under these proposals, I note the intention to build a District Centre and 3 local centres and my purpose in writing to you is bring to your attention the role of the **Pewterspear Green Trust** in the Appleton and Stretton communities and to ask you to consider how this may be adapted to play a part in the new proposals.

The Trust has been in existence for over 20 years and currently owns some 12 hectares of land and maintains a further 6 hectares under licence from the HCA, between the A49 London Road, Pewterspear Green Road and B5356 Stretton Road. We have a Sports Pavilion with a function room located off Beamish Close and, in addition to maintaining the parkland within the estate, provide a cricket field and several junior football pitches that are used by local clubs.

The Pavilion is located on the edge of the proposed Garden City Suburb, but the planned developments in Pewterspear Green and eastwards along the B5356 will be nearby. Furthermore, the proposed strategic road from the B5356 to the A49 and the expanded village centre created by the adjacent housing development will greatly increase the catchment area surrounding the site.

The Trust believes the Pavilion has the potential to fulfil a much wider role in the community and could potentially be expanded into one of the proposed local centres. The site has an existing structure with space available for expansion, car parking facilities and improved access from London Road could be created. This may offer a more cost-effective option to building a new centre from scratch.

The Trust is currently looking at ways to boost the use and expand the role of its facilities and wants to ensure that any changes made will be compatible with the Council's strategic proposals for the area.

I appreciate that the consultation exercise will be taking up a great deal of your time at present but I would welcome an opportunity to have an informal meeting with you say, early in September to see if there are any grounds for co-operation and co-ordination between the Council and the Trust.

