

28 September 2017

Warrington Borough Council
Planning Policy & Programme
New Town House
Buttermarket Street
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Dear Sir/Madam

**Warrington Borough Council Local Plan - Preferred Development Option Regulation 18
Consultation - Objection Letter**

I wish to object to the current preferred development option for the following reasons:

1. Use of outdated and unclear maps e.g. confusion regarding the trans Pennine trail.
2. Poor consultation - taken place over peak holiday period.
3. The proposed increase in housing in such large numbers doesn't seem to address existing problems within Warrington.
 - The strain currently on the Hospital
 - The strain on local GP surgeries which are already difficult to access in terms of appointments
 - Cuts to Social Care
 - Oversubscribed schools [REDACTED]
 - [REDACTED]
 - The transport infrastructure does not cope now at busy times.
 - The swing bridge crossings are dilapidated and cause gridlock when in use at busy times
 - The plan focuses on providing increased housing and not so much on the supporting infrastructure, that is needed now before any future houses are considered.
4. The proposed use of the green belt for housing, Green belt is supposed to prevent urban sprawl, the council were keen to protect it several years ago and it seems such a dramatic turnaround now.
The proposed loss of this green belt area would be devastating to wildlife habitats, woodland and hedgerows. It would have a dramatic effect on the village community of the individual areas.
5. The conversion of part of the Transpennine Trail and the disused rail embankment through Thelwall, Grappenhall and Latchford. This has been denied and skipped over during the consultation process and has appeared as a vague transport route. I suspect it has some future role to play in connecting the town centre in conjunction with the Western Link development.
6. It would be another environmental blow to the area to create a high-level road along this route, instead of the attractive green corridor that it currently provides. If this is the case that this route becomes a road it will become a rat run for people trying to avoid problems when they occur on the motorways causing local pollution levels in terms of emissions and noise affecting

residents who live all along this route. Warrington already turns into grid lock when there are problems on the motorway and the likely issues from the new Runcorn Widnes bridge.

7. Garden City Status - The vast majority of residents in South Warrington do not want to become a city. I certainly don't, which is one of the reasons we choose Grappenhall to live in. If I wanted to live in a city I'd have chosen to move to Manchester. By over developing the area it will lose its semi-rural appeal where a short walk will take you to the Transpennine trail or some fantastic views along the banks of the Bridgewater canal or walking to Grappenhall Heys Walled Gardens past wooded areas.
8. I do not object to new houses being build per se, I object to the number being proposed as it is far too large for one area and is not proportionate.

Yours sincerely

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