



Dear Sirs

I wish to register my objection to the Preferred Development Option (PDO) which is currently under consultation.

My principal reasons for objecting are:

1. The flawed and ill-judged vision of making Warrington a city;
2. The inadequacy of the consultation process;
3. The miscalculation of the extent of housing required;
4. The lack of exceptional circumstances for utilising Green Belt land in contravention of all associated guidelines and legislation;
5. The failure to consider the broader environmental implications such as air pollution.

Further detail in respect of each of the above is set out below.

1. Warrington's city status

Nobody who lives in Warrington wants it to become a city. The Council is pursuing a vanity project and cannot articulate a single benefit to residents of the conversion to city status. If the Council properly consulted residents on this issue it would clearly see that this project is not supported by those who live and work in the town. The desire to claim city status appears to be directly linked to the extravagant and excessive housing numbers that are being quoted and which are not supported by verified fact.

2. Consultation process

The consultation process has been poorly managed and communicated throughout. The Council appears to think that it can slip major schemes such as the PDO "under the radar" by running the consultation during the summer period and by failing to fairly and properly advertise – it has the feeling of a sham process. The residents on the borough feel insulted and let down by the lack of any democratic process or transparency. This behaviour simply fuels distrust of elected officials.