

Letter of objection to the proposed extension of the south Warrington urban sprawl ( local plan !)

I have been a resident of Warrington for the last [REDACTED] years , and lived in Warrington from [REDACTED] around the time I left in [REDACTED] there was a very similar debate to the present one , about large scale urban extensions eg dud lows green and other areas eg Sankey , Burtonwood , birchwood etc etc , many practical points were raised and many promises made eg better roads , more infrastructure , better services etc - most of these did NOT appear , but the houses did , and we are now seeing the consequences , the Warrington area is regularly gridlocked , especially if there is any trouble on the surrounding motorway network .

The other consequences of short sighted planning is deterioration and neglect of the old town centre , we have exchanged the A road junction nightmare at market gate for an increasingly derelict zone ( like many English town centres who have not adapted ) , this is an opportunity to do something to save Warrington

Like most NIMBYs I am concerned about my local area , but the point of having a local plan is to consider the whole area , all relevant local objectives and not just fight to keep any particular bit of it from unwanted development , and most of the arguments against the plans ( objections !?) apply across the area ,

That said , whilst trying to overcome the severe deja vue , my objections are based on the following reasons ;

Transport , traffic congestion around Warrington , at times gridlocked , the roads are not good enough , plus why not improve the bus services , the cycle lanes ( why do they all stop before getting to junctions - the most dangerous bit ! ) ,

No further housing development in the west and south of Warrington without a new north south link road , big / wide enough to cope with the M 6 being blocked ( and no tolls , Scotland gets free roads , why shouldn't we )

Medical facilities , primary care provision around some parts of Warrington is shambolic and grossly overloaded , access is poor , we are deemed to be too affluent to have a walk in centre , it is time healthcare provision was organised and integrated ( and resourced ) , this will get even worse if lots more houses are built .

Leisure facilities , there is one ( small ) swimming pool in south Warrington , as part of a school , the " ageing " population deserve better access to sports facilities ( visit much smaller towns in Germany and see how it should be done ! ) , tennis courts , bowling greens , walking / cycling tracks , children's play areas , etc etc , more population puts these limited facilities under even more pressure

Education , / schools capacity , will we have enough places ?

Shops , during the 1980,s round of development we were promised a supermarket , which never appeared (!) , somewhere between the ship canal and the M56 , but it must be on a bus route , it could include a primary care facility and other useful services( eg a car repair shop/ garage , a garden centre etc etc ) , so that there is less pressure on stockton Heath and south Warrington ,

Pollution and environmental effects , dense ,slow moving traffic is not healthy , the levels of pollution around the current " main " roads are too high , reducing congestion should be a priority , again more development is likely to make this worse .

I hope that helps explain why we are concerned about the way the local plan is going and why we object to it