



Dear Sir,

As a long-term resident of Warrington, and having grown up to appreciate the environment and having a mind that understands that nature has its overwhelming importance, I am writing to express my opinions in respect to the “**Local Plan Preferred Development Option**” making specific comments to the Central plan and site references:

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Warrington has an oasis close to the town centre, probably the only town with such a large area of natural beauty so close to the main town centre. It is hidden from most people, as the areas listed above are held back from accidental discovery by the Mersey which separates this area from the shoppers only less than ½ a mile away.

All of the areas above I consider to be Moore Nature Reserve. I have watched this site develop through the creation of the Arpley Tip and the various sand extractions, which have left a beautiful location. The habitat has changed in some areas but the ancient wet woodland has largely remained untouched and the fields and paddocks. It is a haven, a place to escape the pressures of work, the ups and downs of life, and the daily grind. It is home to a huge variety of trees, flowers, butterflies, dragonflies, moths, insects, animals, birds, amphibians and fungus. It supports a number of declining species and many rare breeding birds. It is an important stopping point for migratory birds up the Mersey valley and wintering wildfowl.

This area has been enjoyed by the residents of Warrington for decades. It is of huge personal importance to me and I expect to many others.

The fact that anyone would consider building on this land seems outrageous. In fact I would recommend that the area is given a proper environmental survey and the results of which would mean that it should be protected from development.

When will the strategists and planners realise, that we can't breathe money. We need the oxygen generated by our trees. The peace and tranquillity of being around the natural world, reduces stresses and having respect for the environment is essential in the balance of life. Progress is not the creation of more wealth, rather the enrichment of our lives, which is as much generated by being able to enjoy our animals, birds, insects, flowers, and open spaces, as it is a bigger house or more money to buy a bigger television. A television that we probably watch Sir David Attenborough on talking about nature, in a house built on the very habitat he is probably educating us about – The irony!

I strongly object to these areas being used for residential or business development

Yours Sincerely

