



To: Planning Policy Team, Warrington Borough Council, WA1 2NH. 25.09.17

Re: PREFERRED DEVELOPMENT OPTION

Re: Warrington Garden City Suburb on Green Belt

Has anyone from the Policy Planning Team actually visited the agricultural land in Grappenhall and Thelwall or did you just send surveyors? Have you actually walked on the fields, looked at the scenery with ancient hedgerows and established which crops have been and are being grown there? Have you worked out that these fields have been cultivated for 100s of years and tended by families of farmers for generations and been home for both humans and animals for centuries?

Or have you just looked at a plan on a piece of paper and discovered a blank area where houses can fit in? If you have actually got mud on you boots and the sun and rain on you face, listened to the bird song and looked at the landscape in the **Green Belt** in detail **how can you propose to cover it in concrete? It is complete vandalism!**

That's the emotional part over, now for the logical reasons why your development plan does not work for Warrington.

Are there exceptional circumstances why you have selected Grappenhall and Thelwall for '**Warrington Garden City Suburb**' ? Is it because this area is conveniently close to the motorway system where the M6 and M56 cross? Should the worst happen and thousands of houses and roads are built here then it will become a **dormitory town** for Manchester and Liverpool and probably Chester as well?

House prices are higher in these towns and affordable houses in Warrington Garden City Suburb will attract commuters who like the convenience of the adjacent motorway system. Each house will have one or two cars and will not be for Warrington folk, so why build them for other people? By building in that area you are increasing the number of cars on the road.

If we really need more houses in the Warrington area, please consider the town centre which needs regenerating. Use the available brown field sites together with the redundant buildings and once they are selected consider building taller properties to house more families in apartments.

In the town centre there is public transport available at both railway stations and of course there are the numerous buses so car journeys can be substantially reduced. By siting the new builds in the town centre the area will become regenerated with shops and cafes etc and the Town centre will become a place where people want to live and enjoy.

Do you want to become the group who destroyed the green belt forever?

Please reconsider your Development plan.

Yours sincerely,

