

29th September 2017

Planning Policy Team,
Warrington Borough Council,
New Town House,
Warrington.
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Dear Sir/Madam,
Warrington Borough Council – Local Plan Preferred Development Option

We have lived in Moore for [redacted] years and one of the main reasons for moving to this village was that it has a distinct identity and we very much appreciate its rural feel and setting.

We are writing in relation to Warrington Borough Council's Local Plan PDO and wish to make the following points of objection:

In writing the Local Plan Warrington have only considered the natural and historic assets within their own borough boundary and have completely overlooked that the village of Moore which immediately adjoins their proposed South Western Urban extension, is both a historic village (with a Conservation area and several listed buildings) but also provides a fantastic natural resource enjoyed by numerous residents from Warrington and beyond, who use the footpath network, tow paths and access Moore Nature Reserve via Moore Lane (which is in Halton)

The main purpose of green belt is to prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another – clearly as this proposal would entail housing coming right up to the village boundary at the eastern side of the village, there would be no green belt left and Moore would be 'swallowed up' by the extra housing.

The green areas of the borough support valuable wildlife that in turn are valuable to the well being of local residents, and the people of the borough who enjoy a short drive to such pretty walks and beauty spots. The health benefits of spending time in nature are well documented.

The Port Warrington proposal indicates a large distribution centre with huge warehousing to the north of the Manchester Ship Canal. This development would have a devastating impact on the lives of the residents of Promenade Park as their homes directly overlook this area. There are 80+ homes on this site and it accounts for nearly a quarter of the population of the village of Moore. The site is beautifully maintained by the residents and is regularly commended by the Cheshire Best Kept Village Judges. The majority of residents have chosen to retire here because of its pleasant, open setting and relatively peaceful environment. Residents need the reassurance that proper assessments will be made before any permissions are granted, together with enforceable control measures, especially in relation to noise and the visual impact of development.

We are also very concerned about the impact of Port Warrington on Moore Nature Reserve which is important for both wildlife and people in equal measure and must be protected for future generations.

Finally, all of the above proposals would have a huge, adverse impact on existing services in the area. The local medical centres are full and the local roads are regularly clogged with traffic trying

to find a route either from Warrington or Runcorn, when there is either a hold up on the M56, the Runcorn Bridge or the M6.

Yours sincerely,

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