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Dear Sir/Madam

The proposed development for about 18,000 dwellings in the WA4 area is ill-conceived and poorly thought through. The resulting increase in traffic that will be brought about by such a large development will result in complete gridlock in the southern part of the town, even with new thoroughfares. The highways department management is incapable of providing a smooth flow of traffic in the town under present conditions, and the chaos that ensues following an incident on the local motorway network now, will be a permanent feature of travel around the town in the future if this proposal is accepted.

The Trans-Pennine trail, which it is proposed be turned into a dual carriageway, is a walkway, cycleway and bridle path that is well used by residents of this area. Have alternative facilities for these activities been considered? Probably not.

Although new housing is required such a large development on a green field site is unacceptable.

I trust that this development will not be railroaded through by council and that adequate consultation with all local residents will be carried out. Thus far there seems to be little evidence of this.

