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Good Evening

I have been given this address to communicate my views regarding the proposed bypass through Latchford.

Firstly I was extremely shocked to discover such a proposal existed, I first overheard some local people talking about it in a shop, I assumed it was gossip and that they didn't know what they were talking about. Then only two to three days later I saw diagrams on social media which showed such proposals, these mainly focused on the proposed housing development on green belt land in Grappenhall, but the plans also incorporated the proposed bypass running along part of the Trans-Pennine trail and possibly on towards bridge foot using the disused railway.

I have since my first awareness of these proposals done some research of my own on the council website and internet, I have looked at the various documents and proposals for what looks like the council's plans to become a city.

I think it is rather underhand that such documents and proposals haven't been widely publicised and that the people/area's that would be affected have had virtually no warning of the plans which would so detrimentally affect them.

I live [REDACTED] in Latchford, my house backs on to what is currently the disused railway, the only thing that currently uses the railway are the engines that use the points virtually at the back of my house. One of the reasons we chose the location when we moved 11 years ago was that we weren't overlooked, it was a nice peaceful setting and we have since enjoyed living here. Swifts seem to nest quite close by and you can see them and hear their distinctive calls during the summer months, and as far as I'm aware the other side of the embankment is currently some form of wildlife reserve. If the proposed bypass was built I imagine quite a different scene at the bottom of my back garden, the noise it would create and the loss of privacy would be one thing but I imagine the air pollution would also have quite an impact.

As a keen cyclist my family and I often use the Trans-Pennine route to cycle which I fear is also in danger by the proposed bypass and I think it would be a real tragedy for the local community who use the trail but also the local wildlife.

Grappenhall is a beautiful place and although I am not a resident of that area, I do cycle there and I have to say I think it would be a real shame if the area of green belt that currently exists was replaced by houses or other buildings, it's one of the things that makes Warrington such a beautiful place to live and I think the beauty of Warrington should be higher on the list of priorities for the council than some fanciful idea to become a city that no-one who actually lives here wants!

To be clear I am completely against the building of a bypass through Latchford and the proposed development of housing on greenbelt land in Grappenhall.

I don't know if my opinion will make any difference, but now you have it!

Kind Regards

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