

I attended the consultation meeting at the Park Royal on 4 September. This meeting was poorly planned and manned by council staff and did not provide adequate, detailed maps for residents to reference. It appears to show any green belt land between Appleton, Appleton Thorn, Stretton and Grappenhall built up with houses. It will become a huge, urban area. My comments from the maps supplied in the meeting.....

Why so many houses?

Why so many houses in South Warrington?

Why are you proposing using so much green belt land rather than brown field sites?

We were handed out literature at the meeting, where the council stated that new routes, including a further crossing of the ship canal may be required, but there is no detailed scheme yet. Why not? The current plan doesn't address the transport needs of such a development. The area around Stockton Heath is frequently gridlocked and currently in rush hour traffic it is extremely difficult to cross to the other side of town. On Thursday, 17 August the motorway was closed in the afternoon and the whole area was at a standstill. The amount of houses proposed will increase traffic to such levels and yet there is no traffic survey. Why not? The map given out at the meeting showed an illustrative alignment of a new link road. Again, it was very poorly illustrated and does not show enough detail.

Also to be addressed is schooling, healthcare, libraries, sports facilities. There is no point in telling residents that there will be new schools, etc until the above issues have been addressed.

I wish to register my objection to the Council's current proposed local plan.