



To whom this may concern,

I would like to strongly object to the building of 24,000 new homes in Warrington and especially the building of the Garden City Suburb in Grappenhall/Appleton for the points below:-

. City Status - No thanks - We need a local vote on this not just some councillors with ideas above their station, most of you have been voted in we have a right to vote on a major decision such as becoming a City. Due to Brexit I feel you need to rethink your figures as I don't feel there is a requirement for this number of houses. We do need new houses on this side of town so that I, as a young person can afford to live where they have grown up but they need to be affordable and not large homes that are just to bring money in and for people who will not work in Warrington but will just want to live near to the Motorways

. Warrington cannot cope with the current traffic congestion, adding another possible 40,000 new cars trying to get in to Warrington would be horrendous. There are insufficient car parking spaces as it, even with the new eyesore of a car park at the market. The cost of parking for most people means they would rather travel out of town for free parking or much cheaper parking.

. The building of a dual carriageway on the Trans Pennine Trail, is a definite NO for me. This trail is well used by cyclist who travel all over the country on this trail, walkers, horse riders etc. and is a beautiful escape into the country and to walk alongside the canal for hundreds of people. To destroy this and the wildlife that inhabits this area especially the bats would be detrimental to the area.

. House prices will drop for those that live around the TPT and who wants to look out on to a high level road from their window. For those that have a CPO put on their property how will they be able to stay in the area as the new houses will cost a lot more. The elderly especially will suffer from this. I would like to see the TPT tidied up as this seems to have been left lately to overgrow (now I can see why, you have other plans for it), if this could be resurfaced and continued into Warrington over the high level bridge I for one would certainly cycle in to work every day rather than drive and I'm sure plenty others would to, reducing the dangerous emissions on our roads. Currently for the Thelwall side of town I don't feel safe cycling on the roads. We pay one of the highest amounts of council tax in the borough but get less for our money. the North side of town have better cycle paths, children's play areas etc., why is our money spent on the ones who don't earn it.

. Peel Holdings appear to want to take over all the land along the ship canal but are not prepared to maintain the bridges or water ways that they are responsible for. If they want

all this land why can't they invest in the bridges and update them to faster swinging bridges so that traffic does not build up for so long. They allegedly own the stream behind my house, however, I have lived in my house for [REDACTED] years and they used to regularly come down and clear the water of anything that had washed down. In the last 20 years they have not been near to ensure it is flowing smoothly, this is now overrun with wild trees, giant hogweed (which is dangerous) and is getting diverted by other things such as loose branches and bricks which is corroding the banking, several of my neighbours have tried to get in touch with them and they are not interested however if you ask for permission to support the banking with a wall they reply, NO.

. Building of new industrial units, is there a requirement for this, as so many around Warrington and the surrounding areas are vacant. On the Centre Park alone there are several empty properties that the Travellers keep descending on and make life for those of us that work on there horrific, maybe we should be filling these before building new ones, or is it that no one wants to come into Warrington Town Centre?

. Air Pollution in Warrington is already very poor and has failed in most areas of Warrington, do we really want to make this worse and put more strain on our hospital.

. I believe the credit rating for Warrington has also been downgraded, who is going to want to deal with this council if they are unable to look after their funds and are not investing these safely, is this another reason to accept Peel Holdings money?

Please take these comments in to your considerations before approving these plans.

Kind regards

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