



I write in relation to Warrington Borough Council (WBC) Local Plan and make the following points of objection:

- a) WBC has a flawed vision of creating a City.
- b) This consultation process has been inadequate and badly communicated.
- c) The number of houses needed has been miscalculated.
- d) No exceptional circumstances have been shown for reclassifying Green Belt land.

The Preferred Development Option has been prepared on the basis of out-of-date material. It should have been prepared on the May 2017 addendum. Brexit, falling immigration and a slow down in investment and growth should be taken into account for a recalculation. I do not believe 24,000 houses are needed nor are sustainable.

WBC have failed to communicate this consultation to the people of Warrington. It has been scheduled over the main holiday period. The maps have been difficult to read, especially the maps displayed at floor level, when it was necessary to get on to one's knees to view.

No ecological, transport or air quality surveys have been made to support this plan. Warrington has been named by the World Health Organisation in May 2016 as the second worst place in the North West for air pollution. This plan fails to address this problem.

The Department of Environment Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA) state that there is comprehensive evidence to link the natural environment with promoting good health and wellbeing. Warrington has little natural environment left and this plan will build on the majority of those green open spaces. The primary purpose of Green Belt Land is to protect urban sprawl. The National Planning Policy Framework states Green Belt boundaries should only be changed in exceptional circumstances. WBC have failed to show exceptional circumstances.

Warrington is blighted with congestion and gridlock, we need new infrastructure to cope with the existing traffic before thousands more cars take to our roads. Toll bridges being introduced in Runcorn will undoubtedly increase the traffic through Warrington. New infrastructure should be carefully planned. Surveys for air quality, noise, ecological studies, flooding etc should be completed prior to a full consultation with the public.

Moore Nature Reserve will be obliterated by the proposal of Port Warrington. The noise, air pollution and contamination will be devastating for the wild life and residents. The loss of this much loved area will be felt by many people and Warrington made poorer by its loss.

The scale of the development on the South of Warrington will totally change the character of the villages from Moore, Walton, Stretton, Grappenhall, Stockton Heath, Appleton Thorn and Thelwall. The character and history will be destroyed forever.

The Green Belt Land should remain so. Brownfield land should be used for houses.

