Dear Sirs

I wish to object to the current Preferred Development Option; please see my response below.

For me the key points of contention relate to housing need, congestion & the environment. The figures used in the PDO are significantly higher than actual need. We are informed this is because the authority wishes to reflect its aspirations. However, it seems ludicrous to inflate figures to necessitate the use of green belt when by the authority's own calculation this is not the actual need.

It also seems strange/inappropriate to develop a plan with a 20 year time frame when it makes obvious sense to use a shorter timescale, when at some intervening period supplementary brownfield sites could become available for consideration. Why does the authority seem so keen on destroying green belt land at any cost? Very strange behaviour for an organisation that exists to serve its community to the best of its ability.

I assume both officers & members of the authority are aware of the absolutely horrendous traffic problems that besiege Warrington on a frequent basis. Yes Warrington is a victim of its own success, being geographically conveniently located but the impact of traffic congestion on the area is already huge & increasing. Residents' risk of serious life limiting conditions will only be exacerbated if we build homes in excess of actual need.

In addition to health considerations there are huge environmental impacts of destroying green belt land; once gone the varied wildlife is gone forever. Sadly we will not be able to turn back the clock.

We want residents to be proud of the TOWN they come from, not shamed because of poor strategic planning.

Please seriously consider the concerns of residents. I am aware that there are many that have thoroughly researched the proposals & their views should be taken into account. There needs to be a re-think; please do not destroy our already limited green belt.

Let's work together to make Warrington proud & a great place to live, rather than a place we'd rather not be associated to.

Regards

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