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Dear [REDACTED]

Preferred Development Option Consultation

I am writing to express my concerns over the proposed highways development for the new River Mersey Crossing & Planned Associated Road Systems within Warrington. As a resident of South Warrington I believe that yet again the town is making another transport planning mistake which will create a larger bottleneck than we already have within the Bridgefoot/Arpley areas. At present during certain conditions i.e. Motorway or "A" road closures this already results in a total gridlock for the town. Surely this can only be hindered whenever the areas Motorways shut for any reason & Bridgefoot comes to a standstill now, others wishing to avoid the new tolls on the Runcorn/Widnes Bridges congregate into the town their extra numbers will prolong the time drivers experience the frustration of sitting in yet another traffic jam going nowhere at all. Should the planners now be looking at taking the vehicular traffic away from an already known "hotspot" in the town by forming a new ring round route away from the town & consider more how the local residents will suffer from the affects if this plan goes ahead?

I would also like to take this opportunity to raise my apprehension about the possible "HIGH LEVEL ROUTE" along the disused railway

embankment running through Thelwall & Latchford area & living as close as we do, this structure is alarming. To think that traffic of any volume would result in additional pollution for virtually all residents & catastrophic should a road traffic accident occur & vehicles veer off the high level route into home owners gardens/houses or worse still school playing fields. Have any studies been made as to the effects on the local population/environment ? if so where can they be view? how will the planners minimise any effects of pollution to the local residents?

Lastly the government say that the town requires additional housing, schools, medical facilities etc as part of the vision for the town over the next twenty years. How will this be accomplished if other local authorities are also expected to deliver similar numbers of projects?

I look forward to receiving your reply & ask that you take the above outlined points & other residents concerns seriously.

Yours sincerely,

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