



Warrington Planning Officers

We recently attended the local plan consultation in Lymm, which we believe was poorly organised. The venue was far too small to accommodate the numbers of people interested in the plans, and the representatives from the Council were lacking in detailed knowledge. From the plans themselves, it was difficult to identify the areas being considered for possible development, and the proposed access road seemed to be an arbitrary line on the plan. Any road development would be the key to any development.

In Lymm, there have been various housing developments over recent years providing hundreds of new homes, with no increase in schools, doctors etc. Lymm now has less facilities than previously - there is no Bank or Post Office, forcing residents to travel outside the area.

A further 500 houses would

- 1) require employment for a minimum of 500 people - there is insufficient employment in the immediate area - again requiring people to travel outside the area
- 2) bring at least 500 cars - at present the local roads are over-stretched at busy periods

We note from the proposed plans that, in Warrington, there are several Country Parks to be created - Lymm has it's own Country Park in Lymm Dam. Any development adjacent to this area (R18/065 and R18/101) should remain undeveloped, and not disturb local wildlife.

Any development between the Bridgewater Canal and the Trans Pennine Trail (R18/082, R18/016, and R18/014) would further increase traffic along Rushgreen Road which is already overburdened, and also the Village Centre as there is only one bridge over the Canal into the village.

The only sensible place for development would be along Cherry Lane, giving access to M6/M56/A50 and the new proposed link road into Warrington Centre.

This would create a 'satellite' development, not entirely ideal, but maybe a practical solution.

WARRINGTON in General

With reference to the overall Local Plan, the proposals to build so many homes would result in many more people, more vehicles, more traffic in general, in an area that already has one of the worst air pollution records in the country. It would also require more amenities - health/education/social requirements, all of which should, of course, be in place before the population increased.

