



Having read some of the background to this plan I wanted to email to voice my **complete opposition** to what is being proposed. Fundamental to this overall plan seems to be a desire for Warrington to progress to having 'City' status. I moved here to this area of Warrington in the early [REDACTED] primarily to avoid living in such an overdeveloped area as is likely to result if the local plan is progressed so I approach this from that perspective as a long term resident of this area with no interest in any city status or the loss of precious green belt land. .

In addition there are several factors that make this intention a nonsense from its inception. I live within walking distance of significant areas of this green belt which I and many other people from all areas of the town take advantage of and these are under threat with this plan as is the abundance of wild life that inhabits these areas.

The proposed scale of house building does not seem consistent at all with perceived need especially currently when the economy remains perilous as a result of the Brexit vote and any consequences are likely to last decades beyond the initial separation from Europe. Nor is the current infrastructure as regards schools and local health support in any way adequate for what is being envisaged. .

Currently the areas likely to be affected by the increased traffic density are already at breaking point with the current population. Every man and his dog has several cars per family these days and use the same to either commute to work or take the children to school and there will be gridlock on local roads even with additional provision. Traffic is backed up more than 0.5 miles currently from traffic lights approaching junction 10 of the M56 at Stretton in a morning and evening even with the current traffic loading ! Heaven forbid there to be an issue on the M6 or through avoidance of the tolls on the new Mersey crossing and no one will be going anywhere locally with all the abundant pollution issues.

My local centre of Stockton Heath will be overrun traffic wise and along with the other local centres of Appleton Thorn, Hatton, Grappenhall etc will lose their unique identity.

There are other 'brown field' sites much more needy of this sort of development than the green field sites in south warrington and there are several significant industrial sites around the town which will soon become in line for such much needed development. Not least of these being the Fiddlers Ferry coal fired power station only surviving currently due to a last minute energy auction bid which prolonged its life somewhat but destined to close down in the foreseeable future so why not plan for developing in that area ? .

There appears rather too much emphasis in this plan on developing areas of much appreciated green belt in the south of the town when WBC would appear to need to focus its energies on improving existing attributes of the town centre itself ? Golden Square in getting like the ghost town that Bridge Street already is and the recent withdrawal of M&S says it all. Investment in setting up a new Bank by WBC could be seen as some sort of prelude to this latest piece of bureaucratic insanity in proposing such a major development plan not needed or wanted by those rate payers who will be affected most by this. Any developers involved in this only have one motivation ie their own profit which must not be the trade off versus the the interests of the local residents here nor should any monies derived by WBC selling land in pursuit of this development equally be seen as a suitable compromise for the permanent damage this will achieve locally.

I wish to register my strong opposition to this plan and all its contents.

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