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Can you ensure that this is considered in the consultation

Councillor Hans Mundry Labour and Coopertive Warrington Borough Council



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This is what councillors have been sent

As you can see there is no plan to build a road and council officer have not started looking at this yet

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Councillors,

For information we will be posting this statement on the FAQs of section of the local plan and it can be shared with any concerned residents.

Regards,

Warrington Borough Council is consulting on the preferred development option for its Local Plan. As part of the consultation, the council has prepared a development concept for the garden city suburb, to the south east of Warrington. This is one of the locations proposed for new development as part of the preferred development option and the council considers this area could provide up to 7,000 homes.

The development concept is an illustration of what this development could look like and sets out the likely infrastructure required to support this level of growth, such as new schools, health facilities, parks and transport improvements. The development concept identifies potential transport infrastructure to support development and suggests that a number of new routes including a further crossing of the ship canal may be required.

No detailed scheme has been worked up for a crossing at this stage and this crossing could be a road, a public transport route such as a busway or a combination of the two –

further work will be required to determine this.

The development concept shows the potential of using the disused railway line as this is an existing alignment making it possible option for the location of a crossing. It also shows an illustrative alignment of a new link route which would connect the crossing into the proposed Garden City suburb to the south and towards to the town centre to the north. This route has been included to give an indication of the areas that the route would need to connect to and has not been worked up in detail.

Following the current consultation period, the council will be looking at the transport impacts of the preferred development option in much more detail to confirm whether a new ship canal crossing is required. If it is required, the council will need to consider all possible route options for the crossing in addition to the option shown on the plan. This will be subject to further consultation as part of the next round of Local Plan consultation scheduled for spring 2018 before it is subject to Independent Examination by a Government appointed inspector.

The council would undertake a thorough public consultation on all transport schemes which are needed to support the Local Plan once it is adopted.

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