

9/6/19.

Re. Warrington Local Plan.

Dear Sirs,

I would like to register my strong objection to the proposed Local Plan. Along with thousands of other residents I have already written when the ideas for the plan were published in 2017.

However WBC, seems to be ignoring their residents concerns! Little has changed from the original plans, to use the green belt which is the lungs of Warrington is a terrible idea. Green belt was established for good reasons, to prevent urban sprawl, retain individual character of villages and to provide natural and historical areas for future generations.

Warrington town centre is in dire need of re-generation, Bridge St is very unpleasant to walk along into town, it is dirty, unkempt and WBC should be ashamed of such a major route into town to be so shabby. Warrington needs to regenerate its centre, re-vamp & upgrade original buildings think of making the centre vibrant and attractive similar to Manchester, so people would want to live and work there.

Young people in the area need affordable homes, not the large houses being built to achieve maximum income for builders.

Traffic in the town and areas surrounding it is chronic, trouble on the motorways sends shock waves on local roads.

We suffer in Warrington with poor air quality, how can building so much in the next 20yrs without proof it is required, and brown field sites are re used, be beneficial for the community. Jobs in the future will be transformed by Artificial Intelligence, and the new units proposed will soon have their work force replaced. Green belt can never be replaced, paths, cycle ways that are put in amongst huge developments will not appeal to the majority of people.

I disagree with the Local Plan and feel it is ill thought out, what looks good in drawings is not real life.

The proposed scale of housing, units and concreting over green belt is not valid, green belt should be only used in exceptional circumstances, Regeneration of the town itself would be a much better local plan, to develop from the original center out, leaving the semi-rural areas to allow local people to have access to the beautiful areas we know and love.

Generating income from rates and business should not be driving planning. Countryside, heritage and nature are valuable assets which are part of citizens rights where they live. I would ask that WBC, look beyond easy options to take green belt and look again outside the box for the Local Plan for the next 20yrs.
yours sincerely, Helen Robinson. (Mrs)