

WARRINGTON BOROUGH COUNCIL (WBC)

LOCAL PLAN

REPRESENTATIONS FROM CHESHIRE TRAMWAYS

1. Building in the Green Belt-

There is sufficient Urban land in South Warrington and further land released by the Western Relief Road to avoid building houses in the Green Belt but we suggest that some Green Belt land could be designated for Park and Ride for vehicle parking for the Garden Suburb Strategic Link- see para 2 below.

2. Garden Suburb Strategic Link -

a) We propose that the Garden Suburb Strategic Link should be a Tramway meeting the East/West Tramway that we are recommending in our response to the LTP (from Lymm to the Town Centre) and the meeting point should be the Latchford Viaduct (which may need to be redecked) .

b) If ,however, WBC decide that this route should be a road link involving a new high level bridge to connect South Warrington to North Warrington then we suggest that new bridge is designed to include tram tracks as an option for the future.

3. Pollution-

In our submission in relation to the LTP we stress the need to reduce pollution from exhaust pipes and from tyre dust and dust from the road surface (the Oslo effect). Trams are the perfect answer as they are pollution free.

4. Trams starting in Stretton-

In our response to the LTP we have stressed the need for trams on the A49 starting at Stretton (next to junction 10 of the M56) and then travelling to the Town Centre and on to Winwick and possibly to Newton-le-Willows. This scheme needs a large Park and Ride facility in Stretton and we recommend that part of the area shown as A1 on the Garden Suburb Plan is reserved for this purpose.

5. Southern Distributor Road-

We are aware that WBC are proposing a Southern Distributor Road from Stretton to Barleycastle Lane (this will help the problems with the Cat and Lion Junction). We suggest that this new road starts at a new junction off the Roundabout at Junction 10 of the M56. This new road will also cross plot A1 on the Garden Suburb Plan- this area is also affected by the Park and Ride Scheme (para 4 above). There will still room for some housing on site A1 but not to be released until decisions are made on the route of the Southern Distributor Road and Park and Ride for the tram network.

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