

# PROTECT OUR GREENBELT AND SAVE OUR VILLAGE

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The following statements are just a "short version" of my objections and concerns and more evidence can be found in the Burtonwood and Collins Green Action Group's file.

You cannot fail to see the open countryside and the Beauty all around you in Burtonwood and Collins Green. Feel the benefit of the fresh air and appreciate the value of a slow paced village life and tight community. All of that is under threat from a proposed development set to go ahead in 2020. Further developments are being proposed that could see our beautiful rural village evolve into an urban town. Below are some objections to the plan.

## (1) CONSULTATION

The proposals for the development are vague and unclear. Many residents didn't get letters and those that did were not addressed by name. The venue for the consultation was not accessible to all and the means to complain long winded and complicated. Communication and information is lacking and appears to be mainly online based, not everyone is online. Developers and planners have access to consultants and resources, we don't. It is a highly unequal and undemocratic process. The council have a duty of care to liaise with neighbouring authorities to determine overall effects of congestion and road safety. There is little evidence of this having happened.

## (2) INFRASTRUCTURE

Both hard infrastructure roads, bridges, railways etc and soft infrastructure- health, doctors, dentists, social services, education, parks and recreational facilities, law enforcement, emergency services and mental health will be affected by this and further proposed developments. Burtonwood and Collins Green do not have the infrastructure to support this development. Northern trust have said that if only 150 houses are approved the figure will be 'too limited to viably deliver the housing, open space, and, specific support for expansion of primary school facilities and primary care' In other words, no contribution to changing infrastructure unless more houses are approved. Which means longer waits for doctors, dentists, community nurse, counselling etc. School places in catchment areas no longer guaranteed.

## (3) GREENBELT OVER BROWNFIELDS

The release of greenbelt has not been adequately justified and the reasoning for not using brownfields is unacceptable. The council should be forcing development on brownfields or previously developed land before any greenbelt is released. The plan involves loss of versatile agricultural land which leads to loss of income for tenant farmers. The plan relies too heavily on representations and assurances from land owners and developers.

## (4) ENVIRONMENTAL—TRAFFIC— AIR POLLUTION

There appears to have been no assessment of traffic movement on Green Lane-Phipps Lane over a sustained period of time. The proposed entrance to the new development will be on Green Lane. Green lane is already critical for residents, children and parents on their way too and from school. With 160 houses comes approx. 320 more cars on the road at peak times. Couple this with other local developments and this is a recipe for

gridlock on our roads. Our children will be walking and cycling amongst this traffic which is not only physically dangerous but also has serious health connotations.

Warrington has one of the most congested road networks in the country. Air pollution in Warrington is already amongst the worst in the UK. The proposed access point to the new development is on green Lane opposite Burtonwood County Primary School. The increase in traffic on the lane will be immense. The pollutants in the air around our children and entering their lungs will massively increase. Children are more susceptible to pollutants than adults and exposure could cause or exacerbate ailments such as asthma and COPD. Adults are more susceptible to heart and lung disease and respiratory conditions such as emphysema.

**(5) LOSS OF WILDLIFE HABITATS**

Drastic loss of wildlife habitat (frogs, newts, toads, bats, woodpeckers, sparrows, starlings blue tits, foxes, rabbits and hares etc) is being treated like it doesn't matter. Britain has already lost half its wildlife, wildlife adds value and natural beauty to our environment and provides respite from everyday stresses. This development will decimate the local wildlife we love to watch.

I object to the proposed development plan on points 1. 2. 3. 4 & 5

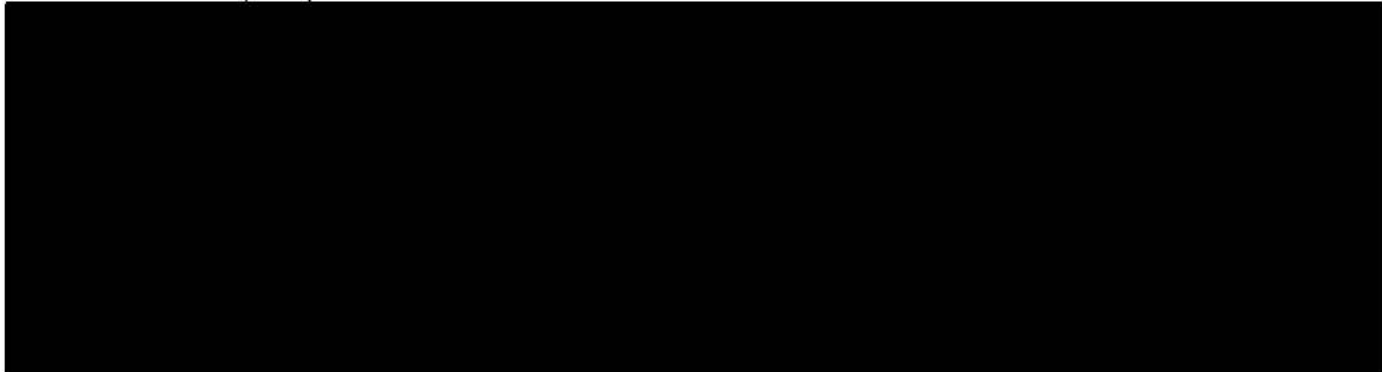
**Additional Comments**

In addition to supporting all 5 of the above points. I need to draw your attention to the general increase in the urban spatial along the M62 corridor. In a recent report undertaken by BBC News, they highlighted the very high degree of light pollution between Liverpool and Manchester.

From satellite images of the UK at night it can be seen that the land area around the North of Warrington is just a mass of light. This is a clear indication of the high level of human occupation that already exists in very close proximity to our village.

Any further loss of real green space within this area will not only continue to increase the decline of wildlife habitat but will drastically reduce the health and wellbeing of the human inhabitants.

I agree to the above statements and reflect my views and those as coordinated at our local meetings that formulate our objections as to the proposed building plan.



**Subject:**

Re: Local Plan & Proposed Development of Green Belt Land in Burtonwood (Phipps Lane) - Fiddlers Ferry Power Station Closure

**Date:**

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FAO:

Planning Policy & Programmes Team

Cllr. Russell Bowden, Council Leader

Chair of Development Control (Planning) Cllr Tony McCarthy

And

Cllr. Cathy Mitchell

Cllr. Terry O'Neill

Re: Local Plan & Proposed Development of Green Belt Land in Burtonwood (Phipps Lane) - Fiddlers Ferry Power Station Closure.

I wish to submit the following statement in objection to the proposed development on greenbelt land in Burtonwood (Phipps Lane),

You are no doubt aware that Fiddlers Ferry Power Station is situated in Warrington, the address being, Widnes Road, Warrington WA5 2UT. This Power Station will be completely closed by 31st March 2020.

This site was not considered for inclusion in the Local Plan. It should now be included and the Local Plan revisited.

The site is Brownfield and is a huge site which could easily be developed thus fulfilling your requirement to build more houses in Warrington.

Burtonwood Parish Cllr. Cathy Mitchell stated (at a recent surgery at Burtonwood) that Warrington Borough Council wanted to develop a large site rather than the infill of pockets of Brownfield land.

Now is Warrington Borough Council's opportunity to fulfil it's obligation to the Government to build more houses and for Warrington Borough Council to LEAVE GREEN BELT LAND ALONE. As stated by the Government "Green Belt Land should only be used as a last resort and only in exceptional circumstances".

Yours sincerely,

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