

# 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 ALH

Additional Comments

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.

Signed

Date

Telephone

Letters of objection need to be with the Planning Officer before 5:00 pm on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2019.

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Find this proposal for Burtonwood to be an absolute disgrace.the village already suffers from high traffic volume including HGVs that aren't supposed to use the village as a short cut to the motorways.the wear and tear on the roads and poor road infrastructure will only be heightened by building new houses. Still feel that the objective of this council is to change Warrington from a town to a city.

The whole TOWN is surrounded by motorways and any accident or bad weather unfortunately brings the place to a standstill,get the highways problem sorted.

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Emailing you once again probably as the first one ,no response. My opinion of this council is at the lowest ebb possible. This ludicrous local draft plans objections will no doubt be ignored. Until the dreadful highways situation is resolved makes all the proposals for supposedly affordable housing untenable. For example,Burtonwoods proposal for at least 160 houses absolutely farcical.

Most households are 2 car families=320 cars.times that by 2 =720 potential journeys per day. The proposed access for these houses is opposite Green Lane Primary School. Green Lane is already a very tight squeeze for the local,people who use this school. Bring into that air pollution affecting all school users makes this ridiculous. green Lane is so narrow with only a footpath on one side makes it a potentially dangerous situation . Then the affect on wildlife.taking away habitats from all flora and fauna is harmful to them and the environment. If it was decided to use Rushton Close what affect on the residents doesn't bear thinking about. I still maintain that this council doesn't represent the people of Warrington as a whole town(by that I mean this circle of village communities and Warrington centre) and seems intent in to making Warrington a city(why this desire). Green belt is green belt and shouldn't be encroached upon.

Until the whole of Warrington's road system is resolved these proposals should be halted because when one of the main A roads or motorways have an accident it affects the whole of the area.

At the local meeting last week in Burtonwood neither of the councillors were present to hear what the feeling is in the village. It should be mandatory that wherever in the borough meetings are held that the elected councillors should attend.i found it disgraceful that they weren't there.is it because they didn't want to hear some hometruths

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A very disillusioned voter

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