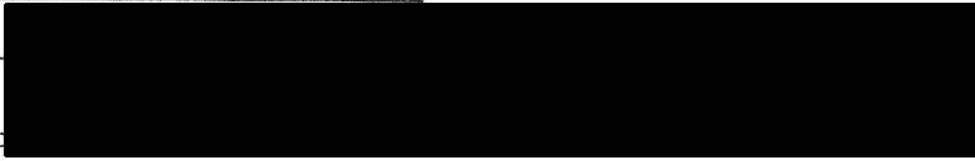


PROTECT OUR GREENBELT AND SAVE OUR VILLAGE

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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 ALL POINTS 1 to 5.

Additional Comments

With the plan to build in Bold/Sutton across the short distance into St Helens, Burtonwood will see a huge influx of traffic from this as W.B.C dont see to making anything aware to this impact.

The utilities suppliers struggle now with water due to demand / weather issues. More homes will create further strain.

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

Signature
Date
Telephone



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

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Local Plan](#)
Subject: Planning Objection OS1
Date: 17 June 2019 07:45:21

To whom it may concern.

I wish to object to the local plan covering my area of Burtonwood and the rest of Warrington.

There are many factors which I will cover in regards to my concerns over Burtonwood.

Burtonwood borders with St Helens and its parish of Bold. There is currently plans to build thousands of homes in Bold. This will have a major impact on Burtonwood as its going to increase traffic in the village already. Adding more to houses to the village is only going to add to this and WBC has not currently done anything to inform residents of the potential impact of this.

I recently moved to Burtonwood for the reason that its rural and a quiet area that does my mental state of health good. Changing the potential village will have detrimental effects on all this.

In W.B.C plan and local councillors stating that the housing is for future generation. Has anyone done a check of the age demographic for Burtonwood. Its got a lot of elderly residents. Naturally properties will become available through their passing.

Wildlife/Habitat will be affected. The village is home to many birds and species of wildlife. Some of which are quite rare and on the at risk list. Has a full survey been done to confirm this and the impact this will have.

The GP practise in the village cannot cope now and are being sent to its partner practise in Earlstown/Newton an additional 160 will make it even more difficult.

Why were residents including myself not informed about the proposals. It took using social media for me to stumble across the plans.

W.B.C stated Green Belt was last resort to use. Given that Fiddlers Ferry power station is closing soon, that is based on a massive brownfield site. Surely as a borough a lot of the plans could be changed and that land used for a mass housing project.

I dont feel Warrington Borough Council has been clear and transparent with the whole plan to the communities of the Borough.

Regards

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