


PROTECT OUR GREENBELT AND SAVE OUR VILLAGE

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Address to:-

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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 1-5

Additional Comments

USE BROWN SITES, NOT GREEN!

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 17th June 2019.



Subject:
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Local planning.
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Dear Sir / Madam,

I am emailing you with regard to the complicated procedure ordinary residents are expected to go through to simply object to a plan to completely devastate an area in which they live.

It doesn't fool me that you are carrying out what you call 'consultation' sessions to appear to let residents have their say. However, you are simply following procedure. Residents know they won't be listened to. It doesn't fool me that your 'online representation form' is so complicated that lawyers are confused by it. Yet, you refer to it as 'the easiest way to respond to the consultation'. It may be, for you....

Residents across Warrington are calling out to you to protect their green spaces. You are putting up your hands and referring them to the 'presentations' or 'consultation process'. **WE ARE TELLING YOU THAT IS NOT GOOD ENOUGH!**

Councillors in Warrington were elected to represent the views of the residents. They then took that chance to re-elect away, by choosing to only have 5 yearly elections. **NOT GOOD ENOUGH!**

This Labour council is ignoring residents and making any complaints about them difficult. They are trying to push through a totally unacceptable 'local plan' that will devastate our environment, cause traffic chaos and eliminate areas of beauty. The effect on our homelessness problem will be negligent as the expensive houses built are for 'executives' and totally unaffordable to most people living in Warrington. You are trying to push through a plan before you, as a council, are de-selected and replaced by people who care about Warrington's green spaces. **THIS IS NOT FAIR AND NOT ACCEPTABLE.**

The residents of Warrington **REJECT** your devastating use of our green spaces. We **REJECT** your 'consultation process' as it is not viable. We **REJECT** that the 'representation process' you offer as it is too complicated and has a deadline that is before **YOUR** re-election as a council. We **REJECT** that you even pretend to speak for us if you back this plan. You need to look for another way that does not threaten our environment.

Plainly and simply, you need to think again.

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