

PROTECT OUR GREENBELT AND SAVE OUR VILLAGE

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Address to:-

Planning Officer, Local Plan, Planning, Policy and Programmes, Warrington Borough Council, New Town House, Buttermarket Street, Warrington, WA1 2NH

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 to 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

Please also refer to letter of objection I have also submitted prior to completing this objection.

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.

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Local Plan](#)
Subject: Proposed local plans
Date: 27 May 2019 15:45:37

I am writing to place my objection to the use of local green belt land for the purpose of building new houses in Burtonwood and the surrounding areas.

I like many other residents have taken a look at the representation form which is to be completed to state objections and the reasons for my objections, I would like to add my voice to many others who have raised concerns regarding the unnecessary lengths people are expected to go to, to voice their objections by completing a form many will struggle to understand as a result will be put off making their objections.

[REDACTED] I have witnessed the ever decreasing loss of services, an increase in the traffic coming through the village which includes the never ending increase in HGV, and other large vehicles making crossing our roads a nightmare, increased pollution as a result of traffic, the increase in petty crime, parking issues, in addition to feeling like the poor relation compared to other areas of Warrington.

I like many enjoy our green spaces for spending time with our families enjoying the local Flora and Forna and encouraging our children to get out in the fresh air and off their computer's.

I have no objection to houses being built on brown site areas of which there are many, however in the case of my local area a lot more needs to be done to improve the infrastructure, which includes shopping, road crossing safety issues, increased medical and school provision, better policing and crime prevention measures, improved public transport links, and once these have been addressed the area will then be in a better position to accommodate affordable housing for all.

I request my objections along with the objections of others will be seriously taken into consideration before any final decisions are made.

Regards

Julie Horsley [REDACTED]
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