

# 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 ARE VALID

Additional Comments

OUR PRECIOUS GREEN SPACES AND THE WILDLIFE DIVERSITY THEY SUPPORT ARE CONSTANTLY UNDER THREAT, THEY ARE THE LUNGS OF THE PARISH, WHEN THE PRESSURE OF THE DEVELOPED WORLD AND IT'S IMPACT ON GLOBAL WARMING IS CONSTANTLY ON THE NEWS, I STRUGGLE TO UNDERSTAND THE LOGIC OF THIS PLANNED DEVELOPMENT.  
SAVING THE PLANET ISN'T HARD IT JUST STARTS IN YOUR OWN BACK YARD!

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 \_\_\_\_\_

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [Local Plan](#)  
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For Attention Planning Officer Warrington

Dear Mike Davis

With reference to the recent meeting held at the Catholic club in Burtonwood 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2019.

This was the first time I had heard about the proposed new housing development on Green belt land in the parish, 160 houses and plans for an even greater development.

I understand that we have a time constraint in which to formulate a response to this planning application.

Due to the very short period of time available could you please agree to extend this, I understand that this was also the case at Bold and in that case an extension was granted.

Our precious green spaces and the wildlife diversity they support are constantly under threat, they are the lungs of the Parish, when the pressure of the developed world and its impact on Global warming is constantly on the news I really struggle to understand the logic of this planned development.

The village will become increasing congested with traffic leading to a further decline in the air quality, I understand from the meeting that air pollution is already an issue in the area, [REDACTED] this concerns me greatly.

This area has already lost a lot of habitation vital to wildlife, open and wooded areas along with ponds and associated marshy areas that birds, mammals and amphibians need.

At one time I have heard it said that even Corn Crakes used to be heard here, please do not allow this already depleted environment to become tarmac and concrete, future generations will never forgive us.

All this diversity gives us a sense of well being and generates community, we cannot afford to lose this.

The amount of housing generation that has been created over recent years in what was the parish of Burtonwood has been immense, I strongly believe enough is enough.

The amenities within the village will be unable to handle even greater demand.

Kind regards

Robin Lear