

Warrington

16th June 2019

Re: Warrington Local Plan

Dear Sir or Madam,

We are writing to you to express our opposition to the Local Plan for the following reasons:

1. We don't think there is justification that Warrington will need as many new homes as the council is planning to build. The amount of homes planned for the Warrington area is much higher than government housing targets. There doesn't seem to be a substantial economic plan that would justify such a large-scale housing plan. Also, as most of these houses are planned to be built in South Warrington, we are worried that this will destroy the character of the historic villages in the area.
2. Furthermore, we strongly believe that new houses should be built on brown fields rather than on greenbelt, which is so essential for a high quality of living for all of us. Building is to start in Lymm in 2020 on green belt, when really building should first start on brown fields. Urban regeneration should be starting there, by regenerating derelict land. Green belt should be preserved to assist with improving air quality and with safeguarding the countryside.
3. Additionally, we think that the plan is not sound. Mostly, we are concerned about the traffic situation, which is already frustrating most of the times as Warrington often experiences long traffic jams. This problem will only be worsened if the Local Plan goes ahead as there are only vague plans to address the crossing over the Manchester Ship Canal. The existing bridges from the Victorian times will not be able to cope with the additional traffic, created by thousands of more people living here, and there is indeed no clarity over how infrastructure, such as other roads, will be funded. It seems that the Local plan is lacking detail in how exactly community infrastructure will be financed.

We would like to ask the council to rethink their Local Plan, taking into consideration our concerns and those of many more local residents.

Yours faithfully,

Silke Kassier and John McEleney