


For the attention of Steve Park – Director of Growth
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Dear Sir/Madam

I wish to express my very strong objections to the horrendous development/plans taking place of the whole Omega site at Great Sankey, including the Traffic Widening and Junction Improvements – LTP4.

My husband and I first moved here just over  years ago, because it was a beautifully green, quiet, tasteful area to live, within our price bracket, along with other respectable private residents who were of the same opinion.

Lingley Green and the surrounding area was supposed to become a smaller select Technology Park showcasing Technology, with IT/technology-based businesses, on a similar existing footprint to that of the United Utilities site; the Meres were to include further tree planting, landscaping and green spaces for our existing wonderful nature and rare wildlife. However, to my horror, it has become a tasteless, over-developed 'hellhole', and I now despise living here with a passion. It has become an increasingly unpleasant place to live since this development started and is fast becoming just like any other 'tacky' undesirable area in Warrington!

I feel so strongly about it that I, and many others I have spoken with, are seriously considering moving away from Warrington altogether; this development is driving us away! It has made me extremely angry, to say the least, to witness our once beautiful area being destroyed. It is an absolute disgrace that greenbelt land should be touched and used for any development at all, let alone the 'mess' in the form of the development that is already there! It should never have been allowed to happen at all.

The whole plan for Warrington and, in fact, the near surrounding area, including Burtonwood and bordering Newton-le-Willows (St Helens Borough) make me exceptionally furious.

How dare you ruin and destroy our only enjoyable green spaces, trees and countryside! Such a decision will affect the community's whole Health and Wellbeing and obliterate our lovely nature and existing wildlife, some of it rare.

Warrington is a small town, not a city, and is already jammed, full to capacity! Already, the roads cannot cope with the existing traffic congestion that we have to endure daily with buses, cars, lorries, etc. Widening roads and junctions will prove to be only a temporary solution and will soon become more gridlocked and congested than they are, already, because of the over-development. There appears to have been no common sense or logic behind the decisions made which, it seems, is being driven by money and tasteless greed.

I still cannot believe how huge ugly warehouses (larger than any aircraft hangers) have been allowed to be built here, on top of a ridiculous amount of equally ugly houses, crammed in between; their only views being the huge ugly warehouses and walls. It is an absolute tasteless 'eyesore'!

Why would anyone think we wanted our views and outlook of the lovely green spaces, trees, and wildlife blocked and destroyed by these appalling developments? The whole appeal and aesthetics of the area have been wiped out and obliterated!

In addition, I know I speak for many residents with the following reasons for very strong objections:

Increase in pollution: The development creates terrible air quality and health problems.

Little/No change to traffic congestion: Roads, already frequently gridlocked, will be made worse with the road widening as the over-development continues, as this will just bring more traffic to the area (and so more pollution).

Disturbance from lorries/vehicles: Noise is already being experienced and has increased daily and in the middle of the night, waking up residents at ridiculous hours and causing restless/disturbed sleep.

Terrible effects on nature and wildlife: Some have been destroyed, completely. I have already witnessed roadkill in the form of pheasants, Moor hens and ducks flattened on the new road past the dreadful warehouses, to the motorway.

Miserable environment: There are, no longer, any trees and pleasant green spaces to sit or walk around due to the over-development.

Effects on health and wellbeing: I, and many other people in the area, are already experiencing an increase in stress and anxiety.

Increase in danger: Roads have already become more dangerous with no greenspace for walkers and mums with pushchairs and small children have nowhere to sit, play, and generally enjoy, etc.

De-valuation of existing private properties: Pleasant views have been blocked and the general aesthetics of the outlook, obliterated, thus reducing the appeal of the area, and ultimately decreasing the value of the existing private properties.

As you can see, my objections are very strong and, I believe, justified, and I should be grateful if you would pass this letter on to the relevant people for their attention and consideration.

I look forward to hearing from you in due course, regarding this matter.

Thank you.

Yours faithfully

Mrs G C Eels

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