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WARRINGTON BOROUGH COUNCIL



Dear Sir / Madam,

I am writing in response to the changes planned for South Warrington.

Whilst I understand the world moves on and we have to consider issues such as the growing population, economic growth and the need to meet those demands - please can we look at what we have right now and see what can be done without destroying some of the most beautiful parts of our home town.

Progress is not just about new homes, it's about delivering of the education, medical, care needs and also the spiritual needs of the community. It's those roads / cycle paths. That sense of belonging and loving and respecting the world we have. Please can we look at what we have now and see what we can do to those buildings / homes / places which may offer more than what we have to do to cut through those

places of beauty. Once its gone, its gone forever... your children and our children need to have the understanding of why green belt is protected and why its important just like listed buildings that we all have a responsibility to love and care for that world. Before we plough on through, lets just stop and think. The land that you want to build upon is my families land. Contrary to opinion there are more important things in life than money.... our world for a start. Once the homes are built thats it. Do we feel that society and our community is going to be better off for it?. Yes, we are a stones throw away from Manchester and Liverpool but we are able to get there in 20 minutes already how about considering better links into those places like trams. Make us different, we are able to look at other countries and even places like Edinburgh with tram links and see what a positive difference that has made.... building on Green belt in such a mass scale seems like a crying shame.

Please, please look at other options at least raise them - Its not that I don't understand the need to meet the changing face of society but I genuinely care about the place in which we live... we need to look after it.

Best wishes. Carole Harkinson

whilst I was sitting at the table writing this to you, our [redacted] year old daughter also wanted to write to you about her thoughts. The high speed train she refers to is planned to cut through my parents farm [redacted] - the farm they have lovingly tended from young to old age. They really have a heart for all the wildlife... just go down to their farm one day, sit down in their front room and watch out of the window the huge amount of protected birds + animals. Mum wants her ashes to be scattered under her lime tree she has cared for for the last 55 years... it breaks her heart to think that tree just like her home which has been the place of birth, growth and new life could be felled and fallen. Her life and Dads life has mirrored the cycle of life from that tree. They are both now in their 80's.

We are not just wealthy landowners whose only motivation and importance is the price developers will offer us... in fact most farmers live a very frugal life and often experience a great deal of stress and poverty due to injustice with prices government gives for milk for example. But farming is not only a living its a way of life and we need to hold tight to what really matters not just from our generation but others to come. we want our kids to know ...

This really matters and I really want you to consider these points and think about your own family. What would you feel if you were us? How can you be sure the decisions you are proposing really are in Washington's best interests?

Thank you for considering these points,

Carole Hankinson