



5th June 2019

Dear Sir

I wish to comment on the Warrington Draft Local Plan as I believe it is NOT sound. My reasons are as set out below:

- 1 The Government **predictions** for local population increase requires 528 houses to be built per year.
There is no justification in any higher number so the draft Local Plan is NOT sound.
- 2 The Governments **suggested** figure is for 909 houses per year.
However this figure is NOT justified and therefore the draft plan is NOT sound.
- 3 The Council plan is for 945 houses per year.
This figure is NOT justified and hence the figure is NOT sound
- 4 Green Belt should only be released for development in **exceptional circumstances**.
The Council may well have ambitions for high growth BUT such ambitions are NOT exceptional circumstances. Hence there is NO justification for release of Green Belt and the draft Local Plan is NOT sound.
- 5 Local plans are usually based upon 15 years. Such plans frequently change towards the end of this period. A 15 year plan does NOT require the release of Green Belt land for development.
There is NO justification in setting out plans for a 20 year period and hence the draft Local Plans are NOT sound.
- 6 The A49 road passing through Stockton Heath, is frequently blocked due to heavy traffic on the M6, trying to pass over the Thelwall viaduct. There are currently no plans for yet another M6 viaduct so it follows that there will be many further blockages in Stockton Heath.
The draft Local Plan is therefore NOT sound.
- 7 The air pollution in and around Stockton Heath, is currently high enough to be of considerable concern to the local community even when there is just 'normal' traffic on the A49
The draft plan will make this worse to the point where it becomes a health hazard.
The draft Local Plans are therefore NOT sound.

8 There is one new Ship Canal crossing planned for the west of Warrington. This crossing will make NO difference to the current congestion in and around Stockton Heath.

The draft Local Plan is therefor NOT sound.

9 Proposals for a Garden Suburb are simply proposals for further traffic, congestion and pollution.

There are no new highways or canal crossings indicated on the draft Local Plans. Such plans are therefore NOT sound.

9 Stockton Heath, Appleton, Wright's Green, Appleton Thorne, Grappenhall, Grappenhall Heys and Stretton all currently provide village 'character' to the area. The loss of this existing character is not addressed or even recognised within the Local Plans.

The draft Local Plans are therefore NOT sound.

I trust that the above points will be brought to your attention and will result in due consideration?

I am yours faithfully

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sent by email 5th June 2019