

Dear WBC,

I am writing to raise my concerns over the proposed development plans for Lymm.

It is good to see planning activity being undertaken on the future of the village and the greater Warrington area, however my concern is that we appear to be throwing more of the same at the problem with no focus on sustainability of the community. Lymm's infrastructure is a breaking point with traffic congestion, no parking provision in dense residential areas, schools full, and road safety a high risk.

Such was the number of houses packed into this development, and the lack of parking provision, that residents cars were cluttered on very narrow streets. Being a new development with many young families, this children were at very high risk when out, even in culde-sac roads. I have seen emergency vehicles such as ambulances struggle to gain access to the estate past the Co-op shop and the cluttered streets. I strongly feel there is a neglect in the planning of new developments for the long term sustainability of the residents and community, in favour of short term gain of profits for developers and increased tax revenues. And here we are again planning to fill up the protected green belt spaces of Lymm with yet more packed housing developments into any remaining space. Single road access planned for most (due to the constraints of the canal and the transpennine trail, the existing roads off Rushgreen road would need to be used to access new housing, flooding already strained residential areas with yet more traffic). Where is the focus on community in these plans?

There are huge swathes of land in Warrington borough that could used alongside the motorway networks to develop new communities. Why does the council feel the first option is to overload already strained villages that are not designed for such increases in population, and are not in a position to upscale the associated infrastructure? As the local council, your responsibility is not just with creating more housing, but also in managing the infrastructure and welfare of the population - all of these need to be in balance, and in reviewing the draft proposals it is clear that that balance is at risk in the plans for Lymm.

Yours sincerely,