

Dear sir/madam

I am writing to you to formally object to the current preferred development option proposed for Grappenhall and the surrounding area.

The main reasons for my objection

1) the housing requirement, specifically the number of new houses proposed does not have sufficient supporting evidence on how this number was determined as required. This is of major concern as the housing requirement will determine how much greenbelt (which was supposed to be protected land to prevent development) will then be permanently lost. A suggestion a colleague of mine has offered is land towards the Old American airbase sight in buttonwood. This would seem more suitable for housing development if such vast numbers are required?

2) the current transport and infrastructure in Warrington to accommodate this number of houses is not capable. This is evident from my journey home from work using the m6, any incident up to and including the Thelwall viaduct in either direction, caused by weather or accident brings the local roads of Grappenhall and Warrington in general to standstill. The preferred development option highlights the potential use of the trans pennine trail as a possible road with, I assume, the thought that another road would mitigate this situation. This is in my opinion an incorrect assumption, the best way to alleviate the congestion challenge would be a ring road around Warrington thereby allowing none Warrington based traffic to navigate around the town centre and local roads. This ring road could be located away from current housing thereby and minimising the impact to residents and families homes.

The trans pennine trail should not be built on as

A) the nesting birds (buzzards to name but one species) and bats that roost and use this area

B) a road will increase air pollution in the area and specifically for those with homes and gardens that back onto the potential road

C) the noise pollution caused by the users of such a road 24 hours a day

D) the deletion of a cycle path and safe place for children to learn to ride bikes, or walk the dog or just generally be away from roads and the potential dangers thereof. We should be building more cycle paths to encourage people to leave the car at home.

E) the house values for anyone unlucky enough to be close to this sight will be significantly effected

Please take note of my objections and rethink the proposal to safeguard this local area for the environment and the future generations.

Kind regards