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I believe that the Warrington PLDP will destroy the character and heritage of Warrington.

The villages of Stockton Heath, Latchford and Grappenhall already struggle to supply their communities with the necessary dental , doctors, schools and other amenities.

These communities are already overcome with traffic. The daily queues down the A49, A56 and A50 clogging up the roads at rush hour. There are smaller roads used as rat runs to try and escape these queues which cause more congestion as they have single lane bridges to cross the canals, such as Red Lane and Lumb Brook Road. These canals are part of Warrington's heritage and part of its character - I don't want them destroyed in widening road schemes and developments. All this without there being an accident on the motorways which inevitably causes more traffic queues to flood into all the road systems around Warrington, gridlock! Soon the Runcorn - Widnes bridge will close as the new toll bridge opens and I fully expect this traffic to make its way through Warrington rather than pay to cross the Mersey. All this is happening now BEFORE the proposed scheme.

I understand that the plan is property and land speculator led and is NOT led by the Warrington communities - its ratepayers. The plans have only been recently brought to the attention of the affected communities and appear to be a fait accompli but how can this be, Warringtonians need to have a say on how their town and villages expand to ensure the character, beauty and heritage are retained and if anything enhanced.

I have read articles that suggest the councillors wish Warrington to become a city, is this a joke where is the reason for this? In the centre of Warrington the streets are full of clubs, pubs and pound shops. The shops that were there moved into Golden Square Shopping Mall and now Marks & Spencer's in the Shopping Mall has closed. Millions has been spent by our town planners but where is the Warrington town centre that we can be proud of, that reflects and celebrates our unique history of brewing, engineering, canal building etc. Recently money has been spent on rebuilding a multi storey car park which doesn't do any of these things and looks like something from the 1960's.

Can we trust our planners to get it right? I totally agree with people objecting to these PLD plans when they say In the name of democracy, transparency and accountability, Warringtonians' should be informed of the identity of property speculators, land and property owners and any others with a vested interest who are likely to benefit financially from these proposals.

Is it purely coincidental that of the 58 Warrington councillors, the 45 who are labour do not represent any of the areas that will be affected by the PLDP proposals?

I understand that Warrington needs to grow, as populations do, but surely these plans should be made with the cooperation and involvement of the local communities so that designs can be evolved that protect their heritage and create pride in the town. As I believe this hasn't been done for all the reasons above I strongly object to the Warrington Preferred Local Development Plan and feel it should be scrapped.

Regards,

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