

## From Walton Parish Council

**YOUR Walton – the area that you and your family live in and love - is at serious risk of major developments that will destroy it.**

**If you really care about Walton and want to prevent your quality of life significantly deteriorating, you need to understand the enormity of the changes being proposed by Warrington Borough Council in its Local Plan and YOU and your neighbours need to take action NOW to oppose it.**

### ***What is being proposed?***

The key objective of the Local Plan is to deliver a *minimum* of 18,900 new homes (equating to 945 per year) between 2017 & 2037 > over a third of which will be built in South Warrington (1,600 homes in Walton; 5,100 homes in the 'Garden Suburb' of Appleton, Grappenhall and Stretton; & 430 homes in Lymm).

### ***What does this mean for Walton?***

- **Walton would TRIPLE in size – another 1,600 houses generating around 3,000 extra daily car journeys onto the already congested A56**
- **we would permanently lose 112 hectares of Green Belt leaving no real strategic gap between Warrington and the Halton Borough Council boundary at Moore**
- **an extension of the urban area from Lower Walton as far as Walton Village and Runcorn Road, completely changing the character and distinctiveness of our area**
- **Stockton Heath to become even more congested and polluted with more pressure on access and parking due to a further 5,000 houses being built around Appleton and Stretton in addition to the Walton development**
- **traffic accessing the proposed Western Link Road from south-east Warrington making Walton Road even busier, as well as generating 'rat runs' from A49 through Walton – Red Lane, Whitefield Road, Hill Cliffe Road and Belvoir Road**
- **A56 / Western Link generating even more congestion, traffic, noise and pollution in Walton**

### ***What can YOU do about it?***

**Firstly, every adult member of your household should send a letter to Warrington Borough Council to object to their proposed Local Plan.**

You can compose your own response, or you can use the attached '***ready to complete***' letter which we have created to help you take **immediate action**. Simply add your ***address, name, date and signature*** in the spaces indicated and send it to the address below. ***Every adult member of your household*** can send a letter, so please take the opportunity to either copy this one or compose your own for each member of your household. Further copies are available from our website – [www.waltonpc.org.uk](http://www.waltonpc.org.uk)

Letters **must be** received by Warrington Borough Council **no later than 17<sup>th</sup> June**, so please > **ACT NOW** and send your letter by ***1<sup>st</sup> class post*** to >

**Local Plan, Planning Policy & Programmes, Warrington Borough Council, New Town House, Buttermarket Street, Warrington, WA1 2NH.**

**Secondly**, talk to your friends and neighbours about these major changes and encourage them to send a letter opposing the Local Plan. The more objections, the better our chances of being listened to and achieving sensible changes.

### ***How do you get more information?***

The attached 'ready to complete' letter sets out the key issues.

You can also access a summary of the Local Plan at [warrington.gov.uk/localplan](http://warrington.gov.uk/localplan)

**WALTON PARISH COUNCIL *is holding a PUBLIC MEETING to provide more information on the Local Plan and how it affects Walton and its residents. Our Planning Consultant will be there to give a presentation and answer your questions. The meeting and presentation will be at 7.30pm on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June at St Thomas's Church Hall on Ellesmere Road, Stockton Heath***

Walton Parish Council does *not* oppose *sensible, proportionate* development in South Warrington (including Walton) as long as the *effective mitigation* of the impacts of traffic congestion, noise, air quality, education & health facilities, local amenities & the environment, as well as maintaining (if not improving) our quality of life, are properly planned and *implemented before and during the building process but before completion* > unfortunately, the Local Plan does NOT achieve this.

**PLEASE ACT NOW BY SENDING YOUR LETTER OPPOSING THE LOCAL PLAN TO  
ARRIVE WELL BEFORE THE DEADLINE OF MONDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> JUNE**