

IMPORTANT

Dear Resident,

WARRINGTON LOCAL PLAN

As some of you may already be aware, Warrington Borough Council (WBC) are currently consulting on the first stage of a new Local Plan, called the Preferred Development Options Plan (PDO). This will decide the development of Warrington over the next 20 years. The timing of the consultation, over the summer holiday period, together with the lack of publicity from WBC has meant that many residents have little or no information about what either the plan itself involves or any impact it may have on our local community. There have been presentations and meetings with WBC at various venues in South Warrington, which Parish Councillors have attended and our observations were put to Michael Bell, the Planning Policy and Programmes Manager at WBC.

The PDO is the first stage of the Local Plan process. The Plan, when adopted, would direct the development of Warrington over the next twenty years. All of the ideas within the PDO are purely "concepts" and not definite at this stage.

Part of the plan includes creating an urban area in the countryside south of the Manchester Ship Canal to Chester Road and the Bridgewater Canal. The plan proposes 1800 new houses, a primary school and a medical facility being built on what is currently "Green Belt Land". This means that there will be no gap between Warrington and Halton.

The Parish Council has agreed to include a proposal on the agenda of its 7th September meeting, about engaging the services of a Planning Consultant to assist us with our formal response to the PDO. It is important however that WBC are made aware of the individual views of residents. 'People power' in the past has proven to be the most successful way of getting things changed. It is vital therefore that you raise your concerns directly with WBC. All of the information for the consultation and online response form is available at www.warrington.gov.uk/localplanreview.

You can also respond:

By email: ldf@warrington.gov.uk

By letter to: Planning Policy Team, Warrington Borough Council, New Town House, Buttermarket Street, Warrington, WA1 2NH

Visit our website for some ideas to use in your objections

As a result of concerns raised with regards to the initial timescale set, the closing date for public response has now been extended from the 12th September to 29th September.

Yours sincerely,


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Chairman Walton Parish Council

Website: www.waltonpc.org.uk