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I live in the Parish of Warburton. Warburton and adjacent Dunham are currently part of Bowdon Ward. Historically the Parish of Dunham has always been linked with Bowdon, while Warburton was linked with Lymm to the south. Our Vicar is also the Vicar of St Peter's Church, Oughtrington in Lymm and we have close relationships with Lymm. This relationship possibly dates back a thousand years or so. Warburton has little in common with the Parish of Partington or the geographically more remote Parish of Carrington. Both Warburton and Dunham have similar histories, each with a deer park and each with a Lord of the Manor until very recent times. The historic landscape of the wider area dictated much of the relationship between the four parishes, those of Carrington and Partington being centred on villages to the north west, squeezed between the River Mersey and the very large extent of Carrington Moss. This is still very much the case, even though lanes and road run through the area. Partington was chosen many years ago as a site for overspill housing from Manchester and the resultant population had no roots in the area. It is now one of the most deprived communities in the Greater Manchester area with many social problems. As a result, it is rarely visited by residents of Warburton and Dunham, most of whose shopping, banking etc is done in Altrincham. There are few links between Partington and Warburton, Warburton being entirely Green Belt and essentially agricultural, whereas Partington is the site of much new development and has a suburban character. To link the four Parishes as 'The Western Parishes' will create some very serious tensions between the inhabitants, the deprived nature of Partington and the size of its population being most likely to entail Government grants, expenditure on roads etc being spent in Partington and not in the surrounding rural areas. These areas are already seriously affected by Government cuts, Trafford reducing expenditure, for instance, on road maintenance in both Dunham and Warburton; one adopted footway has not been maintained for nearly 30 years. The proposals do not take into account the draft Trafford Local Plan, which will see a further 5,000 (min.) houses and an equivalent area of warehousing or factories built on the mossland in and around Partington and Carrington, transforming them to urban areas and further separating them from Warburton and Dunham. The proposals are likely to place further pressure for additional housing and roads peripheral to Partington and at considerable costs to the historic landscapes of Warburton and Dunham. Dunham and Warburton have many interests in common and close ties with Bowden, Hale and Altrincham. These do not exist with Partington and Carrington and this difference is likely to be even more marked if the Trafford Local Plan is approved. There are strong feelings against these proposals.

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