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Warrington Borough Council

Local Plan

Preferred Development Option

Regulation 18 Consultation

Standard Response Form

July 2017

2: Questions

Question 1

Do you have any comments to make about how we've worked out the need for new homes and employment land in Warrington over the next 20 years?

Response:

The basis of calculation for Warrington's Objectively Assessed Need (OAN) may prove to be incorrect given the proposed new DCLG Standard approach to calculating local housing need that is subject to NPPF consultation currently in progress. The timetable for the publication of the revised NPPF is next Spring/early Summer and I suggest that the Council's OAN may not align with the revised NPPF and therefore may turn out to be inaccurate.

Do you have any comments to make about how we've worked out the number of homes and amount of employment land that can be accommodated within Warrington's existing built up areas?

Have we appropriately worked out the amount of land to be released from the Green Belt, including the amount of land to be 'safeguarded'?

Do you agree with the new Local Plan Objectives?

Do you have any comments to make about how we've assessed different 'Spatial Options' for Warrington's future development?

Do you have any comments to make about how we've assessed different options for the main development locations?

Do you agree with our Preferred Development Option for meeting Warrington's future development needs?

Do you have any comments to make about our Preferred Development Option for the City Centre?

Do you have any comments to make about our Preferred Development Option for the Wider Urban Area?

Do you have any comments to make about our Preferred Development Option for developing the Warrington Waterfront?

Do you have any comments to make about our Preferred Development Option for the Warrington Garden City Suburb?

Response:

I support the proposals

Do you have any comments to make about our Preferred Development Option for the South Western Urban Extension?

Response:

I strongly support the proposals as this will provide for the level of growth anticipated subject to the necessary level of infrastructure provision.

Do you have any comments to make about our Preferred Development Option for development in the Outlying Settlements?

Response:

In the Green Belt assessment it was impossible to cross reference the site references to the plan. It is therefore very difficult/impossible to comment on the written classification (weak/moderate/strong) for individual sites.

I strongly disagree with the strong rating for the farmland north of Rushgreen Road closest to Lymm village centre. This sizeable field provides views northwards and its retention is critical for established Green Belt purposes and to the preservation of the character of Lymm village.

I strongly agree with the weak rating for the small site accessed via Grasmere Road/Mardale Crescent which can provide for circa 10 units. Access is sub optimal.

Do you agree with our approach to providing new employment land?

Do you agree with our suggested approach for dealing with Gypsy and Travellers and Travelling Showpeople sites?

Do you agree with our suggested approach for dealing with Minerals and Waste?

Having read the Preferred Development Option Document, is there anything else you feel we should include within the Local Plan?