



# Proposed Submission Version Local Plan Representation Form

## Introduction

Please read the appended documents and guidance notes before completing this representation form.

- Advice and Guidance on completing this representation form
- Proposed Submission Version Local Plan (full plan)
- Data Protection and Privacy Notice ([https://www.warrington.gov.uk/privacy\\_policy](https://www.warrington.gov.uk/privacy_policy))
- Statement of Representations Procedure

*The guidance notes are taken from "Examining Local Plans Procedural Practice" published by The Planning Inspectorate and will assist you in making your representations effectively.*

More information can be found by visiting [www.warrington.gov.uk/localplan](http://www.warrington.gov.uk/localplan)

**The form is split into 3 parts:**

**Part A Your details** – 3 questions (only complete this part once)

**Part B Representation Form(s)** – 8 questions (fill in a separate form for each representation you wish to make)

**Part C Customer 'About You' questionnaire** – 9 questions (only complete this part once)

**All representations must be received by the Council no later than  
5.00pm on Monday 17th June 2019. Please note that late  
representations will not be accepted.**

Should you encounter any problems completing the representation form please email  
[localplan@warrington.gov.uk](mailto:localplan@warrington.gov.uk)

## PART A - About You

**1. Please complete the following:** Please note the email address (if provided below) will be sent a full copy of the submitted response and a unique ID number for future reference (pdf attachment)

\*Name of person completing the form:

JOHN ALAN FARQUHARSON

Email address:

**2. What type of respondent are you?** Please 'x' all that apply.

A local resident who lives in Warrington

A person who works in Warrington

Local Borough, Town or Parish Councillor

Local Business owner/Manager

A group or organisation

Visitor to Warrington

An agent

Other (please specify):

**3. Please complete the following:**

Organisation name (if applicable):

Agent name (if applicable):

\*Address 1:

\*Address 2:

\*Postcode:

Telephone number:

## PART B - Representation Form 1

1. To which part (chapter/policy) of the Local Plan does this representation relate?

HIGHWAY INFRASTRUCTURE, GARDEN SUBURB, WESTERNLINK

2. Does your comment relate to a specific paragraph (s) or policy sub-number (s)? Please 'x' one option.

- A paragraph number(s)
- A policy sub-number(s)
- Both of the above
- None of the above

If a paragraph or policy sub-number then please use the box below to list:

3. Do you consider the Draft Local Plan is: Please 'x' one option in each row.

	Yes	No
Legally Complaint	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sound	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Compliant with the Duty to Co-operate	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

4. If you have answered 'No' to any of the options in the above question then please give details in the box below of why you consider the Draft Local Plan is not legally compliant or is unsound or fails to comply with the duty to co-operate.

Please be as precise as possible.

PLAN PERIOD CAN BE 15 YRS NOT 20 YRS. WOULD REDUCE GREEN BELT NEEDED, SHOULD HAVE LOWER HOUSING LIQUORS AND REDUCE NEED FOR GREEN BELT LAND.

INFRASTRUCTURE - NO INCREASE IN CROSSINGS OF SHIP CANAL OR BRIDGE WATER IMPROVEMENT OR REPLACEMENT OF CANTILEVER WILL STILL USE EXISTING HIGHWAY NETWORK OF APPROACH ROADS WHICH ARE ALREADY OVERCROWDED WITHOUT ADDITIONAL DEVELOPMENT. PREVIOUSLY MENTIONED WESTERN CROSSING OF SHIP CANAL AND MERSEY IGNORED. WITHOUT SUCH A CROSSING SHOULD BE NO FURTHER DEVELOPMENT SOUTH OF SHIP CANAL BRIDGE WATER CANAL AND MERSEY. NEW A149-R57 WORK WITH NOT IN ANY WAY RELIEVE CONGESTION SOUTH OF SHIP CANAL.

5. If you answered 'Yes' to any of the options in question 6 then please give details in the box below the reasons why you support the legal compliance or soundness of the Draft Local Plan or its compliance with the duty to co-operate.

Please be as precise as possible.

(Continue on a separate sheet and attach if necessary)

6. Please set out what modification(s) you consider necessary to make the Draft Local Plan legally compliant or sound, having regard to the test you have identified above where this relates to soundness. (NB please note that any non-compliance with the duty to co-operate is incapable of modification at examination).

You will need to say why this modification will make the Local Plan legally compliant or sound. It would be helpful if you are able to put forward your suggested revised wording of any policy or text.

Please be as precise as possible.

(Continue on a separate sheet and attach if necessary)

**Please note:** your representation should succinctly cover all the information, evidence and supporting information necessary to support / justify the representation and the suggested modification, as there will not normally be a subsequent opportunity to make further representations based on the original representation at publication stage.

After this stage, further submissions will be only at the request of the Inspector, based on the matters and issues he / she identifies for examination.

7. If your representation is seeking a modification, do you consider it necessary to participate at the oral part of the examination? Please 'x' one option.

- No, I do not wish to participate at the oral examination
- Yes, I wish to participate at the oral examination (I understand details from Part A will be used for contact purposes)

If you wish to participate at the oral part of the examination, please outline why you consider this to be necessary:

(Continue on a separate sheet and attach if necessary)

8. If you wish to attach documents to support your representation form then please submit with your response and provide a description of each document in the box below.

Comments / file description

ATTACHED COMMENTS FROM JAF 1

(Continue on a separate sheet and attach if necessary)

Addendum to Comments on the Warrington Draft Plan

Green Belt

The Green Belt should be protected as strongly as possible. There is little point in designating a Green Belt if a significant part of it is sacrificed whenever increased Development is required. If the Plan period was for 15 years then significantly less Green Belt would be required as less housing would be needed which in any event is overestimated in the Plan.

Highways

The current road infrastructure is already insufficient to cope with existing traffic in South Warrington. Increased Housing in the Garden Suburb would cause chaos without significant road improvements. The town suffers from the 3 Waterway barriers of the Mersey, the Manchester Ship Canal and the Bridgewater Canal.

A new crossing of the Mersey is included in the plan which will help to reduce congestion at Bridge Foot but does nothing to deal with the problems caused by the Ship Canal or the Bridgewater Canal. In fact the new crossing will certainly attract and increase traffic through the minor roads to the South of the Mersey which are not designed to take it.

The improvement and /or replacement of the cantilever bridge makes no provision for increased access roads and all traffic will still use the existing suburban roads. There appears to be no thought at all about the problems already caused by the Bridgewater Canal. At peak times not only is the A49 through Stockton Heath heavily congested but also Lumb Brook Road under the single track underbridge and Windmill Lane and Red Lane which has a single file pinch point and 18<sup>th</sup> Century single file Bridge over the Bridgewater Canal suffer heavy congestion.

Although the Plan suggests increase use of public transport, cycling, and walking it is totally unrealistic to expect people to give up their cars. There will probably be at least 2 or more cars per household in the newly constructed dwellings.

At one point there was a suggestion of the development of a new high level bridge to the west of Warrington to cross the Ship Canal and the Mersey but that does not appear in the Plan. Indeed the town's traffic problems would be greatly eased if a highway could be constructed from the M56 to the M62 to take out the problems of the Bridgewater Canal, the Ship Canal, and the River Mersey. No substantial further development to the South of the town should take place until such a connection is in place. The proposed Walton Development could well inhibit any such development and should be reconsidered.

### General infrastructure

Although there is mention of the provision of schools and Health Centres the Council cannot promise that these will be provided. Indeed there is already a national problem caused by the shortage of medical and dental services and the existing schools in South Warrington are full. What assurance can be given that already stretched facilities will be supported by new provision?

J A Farquharson