Warrington Borough Council New Town House Buttermarket Street Warrington Cheshire WA1 2NH Our ref: SO/2006/000276/CS-06/PO1-L01

Date: 17 June 2019

Dear Sir/Madam

NTLS Consultation on Warrington Borough Council's Proposed Submission Version Local Plan Core Strategy

Thank you for consulting us on the above consultation which we received on 10th May 2019.

The Environment Agency would like to make the following comments:-

We consider that flood risk is adequately covered in Policy ENV2 – Flood Risk and Water Management.

We are pleased to see the inclusion of Paragraph 4 within this policy, regarding the 8m buffer.

However we are of the view that the document does not put a strong enough emphasis on the rivers in the area. These should be seen as a real positive asset to Warrington and an emphasis on protecting and improving these watercourses should be made.

There is also very little information regarding the Water Framework Directive, it is only mentioned in passing in paragraph 8.4.10 and 8.4.12.

Under the Water Environment (Water Framework Directive) (England and Wales) Regulations 2017 (WFD Regulations), public bodies must have regard to the relevant RBMP in exercising their functions which affect a river basin district.

Please do not hesitate me should you have any questions or queries in relation to the above.

Yours faithfully

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