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Respondent Details



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).

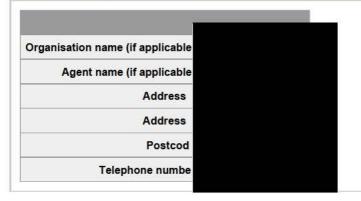
Name of person completing the form: Mike Todd

Email address:

2. What type of respondent are you? Please select all that apply.

A local resident who lives in Warrington

3. Please complete the following:



PART B - Representation Form 1

1. To which part of the Local Plan does this representation relate? From the drop down list please select one option.

Draft Local Plan (as a whole)

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

None of the above

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

	Yes	No
Legally Compliant	X	
Sound		X
Compliant with the Duty to Co-operate		X

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 cooperate. Please be as precise as possible.

The Plan is based on unjustifiable assumptions and does not reflect the impact it would have on the local environment and the population of Warrington

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.

Objection to the latest Warrington Local Plan

I wish to express my concerns about the proposed substantial and environmentally damaging development proposals for South Warrington.

My objections are: -

- The loss of precious and irreplaceable Green Belt. There is no substitute for the countryside in terms of the quality of life for the people of Warrington. We are surrounded by major conurbations and major roads which threaten to overwhelm a relatively small northern town.
- The increased road traffic as a result of the proposed increase in the number of houses will lead to a considerable increase in the number of cars using an existing and inadequate road network. Driving through Warrington is already a challenge, but in view of the limited, and in some areas of South Warrington, non-existent public transport there is no alternative.
- To combat this, there is no clear plan for improving the road system in South Warrington which still rely on 3 dated and poorly maintained swing bridges which cause havoc when they are in use
- Similarly, this increase in road traffic will lead to an increase in the already high level of pollution which is unacceptable at a time when the level of pollution and the impact it has on the health of individuals is high on the political agenda
- The villages within South Warrington offer a unique way of life for many people who have chosen to live in this area because of its quality of life and as an alternative to an urban environment.
- The proposed increase in the number of houses adds further stress to an already unfit for purpose infrastructure. The general Hospital is continually struggling with patient demand, the local GP Surgeries find it difficult to provide the level of available support for the existing patients and local schools are also oversubscribed and will be unable to cope with the likely increase in the number of school age children
- On a practical level, the proposed increase in the number of new houses to be built far exceeds the annual number of houses actually built in Warrington in recent years, This begs the question why propose an unachievable level of building which has no chance of being achieved, other than to give developers a 'green light'!
- The underlying assumptions about the potential economic growth within Warrington are difficult to justify given the uncertainties surrounding the economy as a whole let alone the short term challenges of leaving the EEU, the change of government and the tensions impacting on world trade between several of the major trading nations.

Overall, I consider the Local Plan to be totally inappropriate and should be revised to consider the above issues and to respect the level of concern from the residents of South Warrington

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

No, I do not wish to participate at the oral examination

You have just completed a Representation Form for Draft Local Plan (as a whole). What would you like to do now? Please select one option.

Complete the rest of the survey (Part C)