

Response 175

Respondent Details

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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: Ben Goode

Email address: [REDACTED]

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

A local resident who lives in Warrington

3. Please complete the following:

	Contact details
Organisation name (if applicable)	[REDACTED]
Agent name (if applicable)	[REDACTED]
Address 1	[REDACTED]
Address 2	[REDACTED]
Postcode	[REDACTED]
Telephone number	[REDACTED]

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.

Policy OS9 Winwick

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

Both 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 co-operate. Please be as precise as possible.

I understand that more houses are needed for Warrington's growing community, but Warrington are going above the required number of houses needed to meet government requirements and therefore I would strongly recommend and urge you to rethink Winwick as a viable option.

I have significant concerns in relation to how the site will be accessed. Waterworks lane is completely unsuitable. It is a country lane, very narrow and completely unsuitable to be used as an access road to a whole new estate. It is currently used as a "cut through" from Winwick village to Junction 22 of the M6. This road is busy at all times of the day but particularly between 6am-9am and 4pm-6pm. At the end of Waterworks Lane (where it joins Winwick Link Road) gets congested at those times and it is very difficult to join the traffic, mainly because the traffic is going very fast down the link road. It already feels dangerous & extreme caution is needed to join the link road safely. Even 10/20 more cars at peak time will have a massive impact on travel times. ANY additional traffic down Waterworks Lane is a recipe for disaster and would be devastating for residents on this road (and surrounding streets).

This is further exacerbated by the fact there is Winwick primary school at the top of Waterworks Lane (where it meets Myddleton Lane). The village (and Waterworks Lane in particular) is already struggling to cope. The roads are congested & parking is chaotic. It seems completely ridiculous (and unsafe) therefore to add lorries/construction wagons etc to the mix as well, especially when considering the number of children walking the streets.

In addition to access and general traffic concerns for Waterworks Lane, I am also concerned about the impact on the motorway network. There are extensive roadworks and even when these are completed, there are far too many cars for this complex network where junction 9 of the M62 and Junction 21 of the M6 are in such close proximity. This relates to my next concern relating to pollution. As I've stated, there is Winwick primary school at the heart of the village and Warrington already has one of the worst levels of air pollution in the north west, according to the World Health Organisation. Adding the number of cars expected from 130 houses (potentially 260 cars?!) is inconceivable and will only compound this already dangerous situation.

Further to this, I am particularly worried about the local wildlife. All along Waterworks Lane there is an array of rabbits, birds, foxes and other small mammals. It is upsetting to see the amount of roadkill that is already a consequence of the amount of cars along Waterworks Lane. To think of the amount of wildlife that will be displaced as a result of these new houses is catastrophic and completely unnecessary.

My final yet significant issue is in relation to community resources. Winwick primary school is already oversubscribed. We do not have a doctors, dentist or post office. We are a small village. We are not in a position to provide the infrastructure or community resources/services required to service a further 130 houses.

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.

Remove Winwick from the plans.

Reduce the proposed number of houses to the government's minimum requirement.

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 Policy OS9 Winwick. What would you like to do now? Please select one option.

Complete the rest of the survey (Part C)