

# Response 430

## Respondent Details

Information	
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
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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: A.W.Pressage

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)	n/a
Agent name (if applicable)	n/a
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.

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 co-operate. Please be as precise as possible.

It is my opinion that the local plan is not sound or reasonable and cannot be justified. I speak as someone who has lived in the area all of my life.

The area of south Warrington, and Warrington as a whole, has already seen a vast increase in housing over a number of years. Hence we are not starting from a low base, but rather from a situation of existing over development. The numbers of houses proposed is based on the council's growth ambitions rather than need. The figures proposed are vastly more than the official population predictions and also beyond the Governments suggested figures.

The proposal is to use green belt land for this development. The main purpose of the green belt policy is to protect the land around larger urban centres from urban sprawl, and maintain areas for agriculture as well as to provide habitat to wildlife. The green belt provides access to open space for outdoor activities and an access to clean air. We, and many other existing residents, make use of the opportunities this presents, which we do by walking directly from our house. If the development goes ahead, we will no longer be able to do this and will instead have to drive outside the boundaries of Warrington to find undeveloped areas to enjoy. Hence, this will force us to contribute to the increased air pollution and traffic congestion that will be brought about by the development.

I understand there needs to be exceptional circumstances to justify development on green belt land. Growth ambitions of the council do not constitute exceptional circumstances.

The existing transport infrastructure is already beyond full capacity. The roads and Motorways are subject to frequent congestion and are a major cause of air pollution; increases in this will further impact on the health of residents. The rail services are already over stretched with frequent delays, cancellations and over crowding. The services are now provided by Northern Rail, who are known to be one of the worst performing rail companies in the county and cannot cope with the existing demand, before the pressures of a vast increase in population will cause.

The proposed development will cause a major shift in the character of the area and will take away the main reason why many choose to live in the area currently. The views of the existing residents, who the council should be representing and supporting, appear to be disregarded. If this is a genuine consultation which involves listening and responding to feedback, rather than the council just informing the public of what will happen, then the council should act upon the views on existing residents.

It is clear from the guidance notes that members of the public, without specialist knowledge of planning procedures and legal requirements, are at a clear disadvantage to the council when opposing the developments that are being imposed upon them. Without this specialist, professional knowledge, the public will not be able to put forward the most effective opposition to fit in with the legal frameworks of planning law. Nevertheless, this should not detract from the genuine and justified opposition to the plans. The proposals put forward by the council are not sound, not sustainable and cannot be justified.

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.

The local plan should not include development on green belt land, the justification for use is not sound.

The proposed numbers of houses needs to be drastically reduced, such that they can be accommodated on brown field sites and only to a number that is sustainable. Any development needs to be within the capacity of the transport infrastructure, and have no negative impact on air quality.

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)