

Response 468

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: Alex Green

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)	-
Agent name (if applicable)	-
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)

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

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



9th June 2019

Response to the Warrington Local Plan Consultation

I do not believe that this plan is sound.

The key areas within the plan that I consider “not sound” are:

- the basis and reasons behind the housing number projections, timescale of the projections, and ambitions behind the growth projections;
- lack of proper consideration of “brown belt” spaces, and brown belt spaces which will become available;
- unnecessary and significant release of green belt land.
- proposals which are contrary to the Warrington Local Transport plan, namely:
 - convenient access to the town centre
 - less car dependent culture
 - reduced traffic congestion
 - reduced transport emissions
 - Warrington acting as a commuter town for Manchester and Liverpool
- significant change in character to the area, and in particular to Stockton Heath, Appleton Thorn, Grappenhall and Walton
- Transport congestion within Warrington, especially in the south

The plan does not have a clear delivery mechanism, and will not guarantee any future infrastructure until “developer contributions” are received. This means more houses and cars, but no improvement to roads or provision of education, health and community facilities “until later...if ever”.

Particular areas which the local plan does not consider are:

- AQMS on the local motorway network and through the town on key roads
- Pinchpoints caused by the ship canal, Bridgewater canal and north-south rail lines, and lack of additional crossings of these keeps the southern area disconnected from the town centre. Specific, funded proposals for crossing these restrictions are required.
- the “garden suburb” does not create any employment opportunities, and therefore will be dormitory in nature, increasing the use of cars (even if it’s to get to the Warrington stations)
- the “climate emergency”, and the immediate and short-term impact that this will have on public behaviour – the local plan is cast on a “business as usual” basis.

Yours faithfully,

Alexander Green