

Response 790

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: Vikki Easby

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	-

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		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 do not consider this plan to be sound or compliant based on the following:

The plan is based upon projections from 2014 data, latest figures suggest this could mean an overestimate of almost 50%. The 2014 data should be used as a starting point, for which local authorities should refine to a realistic estimate based on land availability, constraints and potential supply in neighbouring areas. There is no evidence that WBC have amended figures to reflect a realistic demand. Estimates for amended figures suggest that demand could be up to 40% less, which would have significant impact on the requirement for greenbelt release.

The plan does not take into consideration the closure of Fiddlers Ferry power station to the North of Warrington. This is a massive area of brownfield land that will need to be redeveloped during the period. WBC make use of brownfield sites before releasing greenbelt. The current plan fails to do so.

The plan caters for a huge commercial development of land at Appleton Thorn / Grappenhall situated on approx. 365 hectares. This will have massive implications for traffic management and air quality across Warrington and has not yet been approved. The local plan accounts for increased housing demand created by this development. WBC are justifying releasing greenbelt for demand that does not exist, will not exist, unless created by the destruction of further greenspace.

Details on infrastructure requirements are vague and do not address the current issues with South Warrington being locked in by the motorways and the ship canal. WBC have been unable to address concerns about transport issues other than to loosely suggest further destruction of green space such as four lane highways cutting across Stretton and Appleton and loose plans for an extra ship canal crossing.

South Warrington is made up of a number of distinctive housing areas and villages, surrounded by lots of green space. It is a recreational area used by the whole of Warrington, for easy access to lanes, tracks and green spaces. The massive over development of 7k additional houses will destroy the character and landscape of the area for ever.

I therefore do not consider that the current plan justifies the special circumstances required to release greenbelt, nor do I consider it deliverable.

I would also like to highlight that the objections raised by over 4000 residents during the last consultation have not been taken into consideration at all.

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 demand for housing needs to be based on realistic figures, taking into account changes since the 2014 data, local constraints and the release of Fiddlers Ferry Power Station for development during the period.

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)