

Response 811

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: Clare Pratt

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)

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.

The proposed local plan is not sound. The predictions for population growth used are inaccurate so housing number suggested are too high. Official figures suggest a need for approx 530 new homes to be built each year, but the plan involves the building of 945 when there is no justification for this. The release of green belt land requires "exceptional circumstances", the councils growth ambition, based on fictional figures, does not constitute such. In addition to this Warrington has a number of brownfield sites that could be developed as an alternative to the proposed destruction of greenbelt, such as the soon to be decommissioned Fiddlers Ferry power station site.

The proposed plan is for 20 years, which is too long a time frame to consider. It may be that brownfield sites become available in this time, and green belt use would not be required.

Due to the presence of canals and rivers in the town of Warrington, the road structure is already severely limited by the availability of crossing points. Crossing the canal and river presents residents with recurring issues which worsen year on year as the existing infrastructure ages and is not satisfactorily maintained and the number of road users increases. A proposed increase in residents would require new river and canal crossings, and also perhaps alternative roads and motorway junctions. This has not been factored into the plan and there is no suggestion about the building or funding of the required infrastructure. In addition to this, a number of areas south of Warrington already experience traffic chaos on a near daily basis. The proposed new developments will bring further gridlock. In addition to this there will be increased air pollution as the extra traffic swamps our roads.

The proposed plan highlights the need for new schools and medical facilities but the council can not promise that these will be provided. Similar developments elsewhere in Warrington (Chapelford) have been developed without the immediate provision of such services, leading to unacceptable stretching of existing resources.

In addition to all the above practical issues, the propose development will completely change the character of the local area. Beautiful villages and communities will be lost and swallowed up into an urban mass.

In summary, the proposed plans are unsound and sacrifice of greenbelt can not be justified.

5. If you answered 'Yes' to any of the options in question 3 then please give details in the box below the reasons why you support the legal compliance or soundness of the Draft Local Plan or its compliance with the duty to co-operate. Please be as precise as possible.

I am not qualified to comment on the legal compliance or duty to co-operate

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)