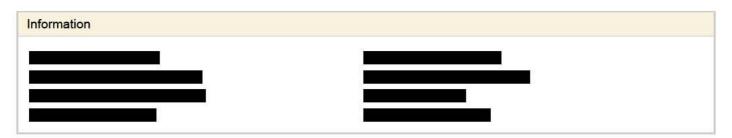
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Respondent Details



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).

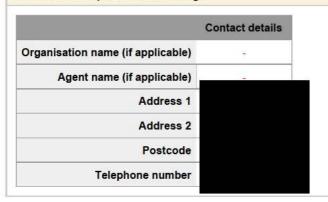
Name of person completing the form: Elizabeth Priest

Email address:

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

A local resident who lives in Warrington

3. Please complete the following:



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 cooperate. Please be as precise as possible.

It is proposed that 945 houses per year are built. This number cannot be justified, being far higher than the government's suggested figure and way in excess of the predictions of population increase.

There must be very exceptional reasons for the release of green belt for building. We have a major climate crisis in the world. Once green belt is gone, it's loss is irrevocable. We cannot justify the effects of its loss on any level, local, national or world wide. It is a time of major change in our world. 20 years is much too far ahead to plan. Who knows where we will be in even 5 years? We simply cannot make decisions of this scale at this time. Brown field sites are very I kely to become available. Warrington town centre is full of empty buildings. We need to find a way of utilising this valuable resource to revitalise and re-energise our community. If Altrincham can do it, so can we, without wrecking our beautiful surroundings for future generations. Warrington is uniquely constrained by its rivers and canals, one of the very things that make it an attractive place to live. However, together with the surrounding network of motorways, it leads to enormous problems on a very regular basis, especially in south Warrington. I am lucky to be retired, and can often choose to avoid travelling at times I know will be a problem. Most are not so lucky. I use my bike, often riding along gridlocked roads, finding that sheer weight of traffic has caused it to grind to a halt. In combination with swing bridge openings and/or problems on the motorway chaos rapidly ensues. I see no mention of proposals to alleviate these issues in the plans, which will require huge investment to overcome. I also see that the plan predicts a need for new schools, medical facilities, etc, both of which are massively overstretched already. What guarantees do we have that these will actually be provided? Experience from other areas of our town which have experienced high levels of development do not give me confidence.

I do worry about the quality of the air I am breathing as I ride along. Excessive housing and warehousing development can only increase the incidence of congestion, and together with reduced greenbelt will dramatically reduce the quality of the environment for us all. Especially dangerous for our vulnerable young, old and infirm. Again, we have an environmental crisis already, how can we contemplate a plan which can only make our situation so much worse?

All these areas have their own history and character, which is very precious. The proposals would subsume the whole area into one urban development, which would be a tragedy for these distinctive communities.

In summary, I believe the proposals are unsound and undeliverable, and would cause severe damage to the health and well-being of Warrington residents.

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.

See above

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)