

# Response 828

## Respondent Details

Information	
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
[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: Simon Bishop

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)	[REDACTED]
Agent name (if applicable)	[REDACTED]
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 council has not adequately met the requirements for community involvement. The communities most affected by the this plan have objected strongly against during the previous consultation. These objections have not been given adequate responses.

The plan is not sound. It is not an effective plan - the council itself has admitted building the number of houses intended will stretch the supply chain and infrastructure required to support will not be able to be built first. Also the council has failed to adequately justify the need to use any green belt - let alone the significant amount it is intending to use. The population growth data it claims to base the plan on (avaibale here: <https://www.warrington.gov.uk/download/downloads/id/8012/population-reporter-tool-2015.xlsx>) projects population growth from now (2019) to 2039 of 21k. At 2.3 persons per home that means a housing need of 9k. Yet they want to build over 20k. There is more than adequate brown field land to support 9k. Even the 9k is now an out of date figure with more recent projections suggesting much lower growth figures.

Also, the type of growth is I kely to see an increased need for housing for young, local first time buyers and retired couples and widows and widowers. There is a lack of evidence the local plan adequately caters for these groups. In fact past developments have shown the type of housing the council favours encourages people from other boroughs to move into Warrington - squeezing out those who were born here.

To support the significant growth in this Plan, significant infrastructure and community services improvements would be required. In fact such improvements are urgently required without the planned growth. The borough suffers from chronic traffic congestion, under use of public transport, poor air quality and a reliance on Victorian infrastructure, such as the ship canal swing bridges. The hospital is in need of updating or replacing. There is a lack of evidence that these problems with be adequately addressed.

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 council ought to properly comply with community involvement. It should adequately seek the views of the existing population rather than push on with developer friendly plans.

The council ought to revisit its population growth figures and base them on approved, current statistics rather than inflated, aspirational ones. It has previously pushed an agenda to turn the town into a city - something the existing population do not want. We want our green spaces protecting and our quality of life improving, not to see our borough concreted over and choked even further than it already is.

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)