Response 840

Respondent Details



PART A - About You

 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: Laura Shaw

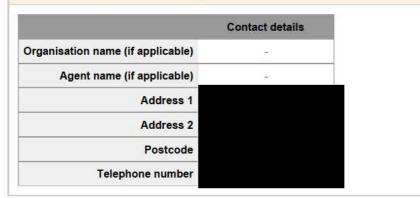
Email address:

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

A local resident who lives in Warrington

A person who works 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.

I wish to object to the Local Plan on the basis that the overall plan is fundamentally unsound and undeliverable. The economic growth predictions that have been utilised have no realistic justification and are grossly overstated. Therefore, there is no realistic or viable justification for sacrificing green belt land to such an extent for either housing or commercial development. The infrastructure in the area, by which I mean, roads, healthcare and education provision, is already at or beyond capacity and there has been no realistic improvement demonstrated in the plan to support the proposed scale of the development. The natural consequence of implementing the local plan would be to decimate Warrington's valuable green space and grind the town and surrounding areas to a halt. Rather than attracting people to live in the area, these proposals will worsen our already critically poor air quality; put an unsustainable strain on the town's amenities; and irreversibly damage the character of Warrington's valuable village communities. Therefore, this will inevitably drive people out of and away from the town.

No realistic attempt has been made to improve and develop the town centre provision, which is in dire need of investment and improvement. Equally, other brownfield site options have been ignored in favour of sacrificing green belt, which is entirely unjustified and contrary to the Government policy on green belt development. The National Planning Policy Framework sets out various criteria that must be met to justify release of land from green belt for development and none of these have been met in this instance. In fact, the proposed local plan directly contradicts the fundamental purpose of the green belt policy, which is to prevent the unrestricted sprawl of large built up areas.

I urge the Council to re-think the Local Plan and consider the irreparable damage that the current proposals will inflict on the whole of Warrington's communities and the quality of life for future generations growing up in the area. The current proposals will lead to an unmanageable urban sprawl, which is likely to drive people away from the town in search of the valuable green and open space that we are lucky enough to have currently. This unsound and undeliverable plan does not have the support of Warrington's residents, which the Council purports to represent.

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)