

Response 841

Respondent Details

Information	
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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: Phillip Shaw

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.

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 are unsound and are not supported by any major proposal. Official figures predict a much slower rate of growth and so it is not clear why the overstated figures are being used to predict the town's housing need. There is no justification for sacrificing green belt land to the extent proposed for either housing or commercial development. The roads, healthcare and schools in the area are already operating at or beyond their capacity and the proposed development will stretch them to breaking point. No realistic or sensible proposals have been made to improve the infrastructure in order to support the proposed development. Warrington's air quality is already critically poor and no realistic traffic assessments have been undertaken as part of the local plan. Surrendering green belt land to development will only exacerbate the problem. The impact on the nature and integrity of our village communities as well as the damage to the local ecology and environment appears to have been entirely ignored. The result of the local plan will be to drive people away from the town rather than encouraging them in. Government policy makes it clear that green belt land is required in order to check the unrestricted sprawl of large built up areas and that it should only be surrendered for development in exceptional circumstances and when all other alternatives have been exhausted. This is not the case in this instance – no realistic attempt has been made to consider alternative brown field development sites and the Council has all too quickly moved to sacrifice vast swathes of viable and valuable green belt land. The Council's proposals fly in the face of the National Planning Policy Framework and are entirely unjustified. I wish to make it clear to the Council in the strongest terms that this plan is not supported by those who the Council purports to represent. Warrington's residents demand a more modest and proportionate plan, which makes better use of brown field sites and seeks to protect the green belt at all costs. The damage that the plan will do to the identity of the area's village communities cannot be undone; green spaces once lost cannot be reinstated and they should not be sacrificed to the extent proposed. The current plan carries a real risk of grinding Warrington to a halt and driving residents away from the area. It is for these reasons that I consider the plan to be entirely unsound and undeliverable.

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)