

Response 871

Respondent Details

Information	
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]

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: Danielle Davies

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)	[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)

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

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Dear Andy

Thank you for your communication of 21 March regarding the standard method for assessing local housing need.

Following on from a technical consultation which closed on 7 December, the Government has stated that local authorities should continue to use the 2014-based household projections as the demographic baseline for the standard method. We believe this is the most appropriate approach for providing stability and certainty to the planning system in the short-term.

I would emphasise that a housing need figure is not a target. Local authorities should make a realistic assessment of the number of homes their communities need, using the standard method *as the starting point* in the process. Once this has been established, planning to meet that need will require consideration of land availability, relevant constraints, and whether the need is more appropriately met in neighbouring areas. This will then be scrutinised, as part of the examination undertaken by an independent Inspector.

The revised National Planning Policy framework also strengthened protection of the Green Belt, by making clear that its boundaries should only be altered where exceptional circumstances are "fully evidenced and justified", and once all other reasonable options for meeting identified development needs have been examined. Whether these conditions are satisfied will be tested through the examination of locally-produced plans, following consultation with local people.

With my Best Wishes;

RT HON JAMES BROKENSHERE MP