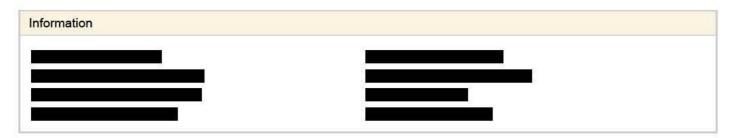
# Response 893

# **Respondent Details**



### PART A - About You

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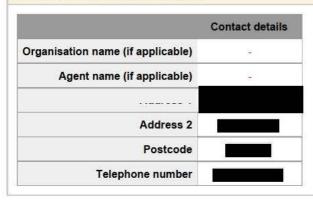
1. Please complete the following: Please note the email address (if provided below) will be sent a full copy of the submitted response and a unique ID number for future reference (pdf attachment).

Name of person completing the form: James Drewe-Smith

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.

I do not believe that the plan is sound.

I believe that the population figures used in the calculations are over estimated (as per previous proposals)

Brownfield sites have not been explored to their fullest to ensure that the green belt impact can be kept to a minimum

Plan states a +10% with regard to numbers, but no flex downwards based on not needing the housing

Transport planning with the provision of roads are not explained fully to sustain the population increase.

Not a fair distribution of housing across the whole of the borough.

This proposal centres on exploiting the South of the town and creating urban sprawl, by joining small villages into one urban mess.

5. If you answered 'Yes' to any of the options in question 3 then please give details in the box below the reasons why you support the legal compliance or soundness of the Draft Local Plan or its compliance with the duty to co-operate. Please be as precise as possible.

There has been much more "openness" with regard to the visibility of the plan, especially against the previous Draft plan. However I believe that many residents are confused as to the number of proposals in the South with regard to plans from Local plan, Six 56, and Eddie Stobart to understand what they are being told

Around 4,500 responses were received to the PDO consultation. I don't believe that this plan has changed enough to take into account their initial concerns

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.

Continual rolling process of population evaluation to understand the impact of things such as Brexit, I believe that the monitoring and review process needs to be

Change in technologies with regard to driverless cars etc

Full understanding of the transport, amenities (eg effect on local hospital etc)

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

- 8. If you wish to upload documents to support your representation form then please select 'choose file' below. You can upload a max number of 2 files (up to 25MB each). If you are submitting more than one representation form please note: If this file upload supports more than one representation form then please do not attempt to upload the same file on subsequent forms. On additional representation forms please use the comments/file description box to type in the 'name of the file', or 'see previous form'. If the file upload is a different document for additional representation forms then please continue to upload the file as normal.
  - File: Local Plan Objection James Drewe-Smith.docx

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)



Dear Sir / Madam

I wish to object to the Local plan for the following reasons:

### Concerns over calculation of land needed for new housing and employment over the next 20 years.

- Volume of housing projected in the plan currently exceeds that of the government target are these aspirations deliverable and realistic?
  - Housing completions in Warrington over the last 10 years have generally been in the range of 500-700. The new local plan proposes a housing figure of 945 (+10%) dwellings per year.
  - In light of economic uncertainty following Brexit are these projections still relevant?
  - Does the Local Plan demonstrate that the jobs and infrastructure, can and will be provided to support the proposed housing figure?
  - On what grounds are these increases justified? We understand that Warrington has strong economic growth aspirations but how will these be realised?
- o I would like transparency on the Council's duty to cooperate with neighbouring authorities. Many residents in South Warrington commute to workplaces outside of the town so arguably the housing need could/may be met elsewhere e.g. Cheshire East, Trafford, St Helens, Halton etc.
- I would also like to understand why it is deemed appropriate to develop the majority of housing in one particular area (ie WA4).

### • Specific concerns over transport and infrastructure in the Local plan

- o Have transport impacts been properly assessed?
- What level of transport modelling has been completed at this stage in relation to the new 'strategic road / public transport route' - has only been modelled in strategic modelling software (i.e. SATURN)?
- What future technologies considerations have been taken into account in the planning for infrastructure? - Have the implications of changes in car ownership, Connected and Autonomous vehicles (CAV) technology implications and the subsequent need/type of infrastructure(s) likely to be required? (how has this been factored into the transport modelling?)
- Have the Highways England strategic modellers been involved in the transport modelling and agreed the scenarios / parameters being considered in the modelling? Are they satisfied with the modelling outputs and the potential impacts on the 'Strategic Route Network' / M56
- What air quality impacts (any Air Quality Management Zones in the vicinity?) and noise implications have been considered at this time?

2016 study by the World Health Organisation showed Warrington was recorded as having the 2<sup>nd</sup> highest air pollution levels in the North West. Impact on health and mortality. Why would the Council wish to increase this further?

- Local plan shows proposed transport plans
  - The proposed route does not appear to align the Local Plan objectives for sustainable and active travel
    - No assessment of impact of the road on traffic network, particularly Warrington Town Centre.
    - Does not take into account future technology eg Connected and Autonomous vehicles (CAV) technology implications
  - Where is the funding going to come from for the strategic infrastructure requirements? (is the wider Infrastructure Plan for the Borough in place and adopted? does the new link accord with this, or will this need to be updated to reflect these plans?)
  - Peel holdings has been granted permission to build peel port on Green Belt Land in South Warrington MSC owns all the bridges crossing the Canal with the exception of the M6 Thelwall Viaducts. Residents have been alarmed that the High level bridges and swing bridges have fallen into disrepair. The swing bridges have started to stick open on a more regular basis.

#### • Concerns over release of land from the Green Belt

- It is proposed that significant amounts of Greenbelt will be lost if the preferred option goes ahead
- There is enough Brownfield land in the area to build 15,000 houses. Once housing need is reviewed this could be sufficient to meet reduced housing requirement, therefore allowing the council to protect and preserve Green Belt land.
- The overall housing need figure needs to be reviewed due to the Government's consultation. If less housing is needed, or different types of dwelling are needed, the overall housing figure could be reduced, and thus loss of Green Belt can be mitigated.
- Planning Policy advocates a Town Centres First approach to development. The local authority should seek to first develop in urban areas and brownfield land, with Green Belt only being released under exceptional circumstances.
- Large proportion of the proposed house building to be located in the least densely populated and more expensive areas of the town. Density projections are relatively low and affordability likely to be an issue. Do these proposed dwellings take account of societal changes e.g. increase in single person living, aging population etc?
- How will the Council protect existing neighbourhoods and villages? this is encouraging Urban Sprawl

#### Other Issues

Warrington Hospital is another massive development that should be in the plan. Its strategic to other developments and particularly the transport plan.

- 1) Why is the Hospital not part of the Local Plan?
- 2) Access to the Hospital is vitally important so it's impossible to pass a transport plan without knowing where the hospital will be?

**Yours Sincerely** 

James Drewe-Smith

Resident