

Response 328

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: Stephen Connor

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		
Sound		X
Compliant with the Duty to Co-operate		

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 Draft Local Plan is not Sound. The proposals lack any guaranteed provision for new road construction to cater for the nearly 20,000 cars plus the several hundred heavy commercial vehicles that the 9,900 houses and business park development would bring to South Warrington's roads each day. (My estimate of the car total is based on the assumption of an average of two cars per household.) Clearly the air pollution implications for residents of Stockton Heath are worrying indeed. Air quality is already poor.

The existing road capacity in South Warrington, particularly the two routes that would serve the proposed 'Garden Village', are already struggling to cope with peak traffic demand today. Stockton Heath is a bottle-neck in the morning and evening rush hours. What is more, when the swing bridges close during the day (as they must do to allow ships meet tides at Liverpool), or the Thelwall Viaduct (M6) is closed and traffic is forced onto the A49, the queues of traffic can reach back to the M56 roundabout at Stretton.

The second existing route that would provide access to Appleton Lumb Brook 'Road' (originally a 17th century cart track) is a known bottle-neck since it runs through a narrow tunnel under the Bridgewater Canal. At this point it is a single file, traffic-light controlled route onto Grappenhall Rd (another busy A road). Into Lumb Brook Road runs Bridge Lane, which serves the existing Cobbs estate. At peak times (morning rush hour, morning school run, afternoon school run, evening rush hour) Bridge Lane traffic attempts to feed into either the A49 or Lumb Brook Road. Gridlock of 45 minutes on Bridge Lane is common.

Problems with transport in and around Appleton and Walton are clearly apparent today. Clues as to why can be found in the fact that most of the 'roads' in this area bear the description 'lane'. The presence of the Bridgewater Canal, the Manchester Ship Canal and the two bottlenecks of Lumb Brook Road and Stockton Heath's swing bridges cannot be wished away.

I consider the Council's lack of serious consideration of the traffic implications for the Draft Local Plan to be so negligent as to render the entire proposal Unsound. South Warrington is clearly unsuitable for further development that would have highly negative consequences for the daily life and health of the tens of thousands of people already living there.

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)