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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: Brian Aitchison

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

If a paragraph or policy sub-number then please use the box below to list:
The implications of the whole Plan

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.

Please see a copy of the email sent previously:
Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing this email to you concerning the Local Plan and wish this to be our objection to the proposed developments. We do not believe that the plan is sound nor does it outline proposals that treat the people of the whole area fairly. Our family has lived in [REDACTED] for [REDACTED] years and chose the area because of the green and open nature of the surrounding area. We know that we are not alone in feeling positive about being able to raise a family in an area where the balance of the number of services, people and infrastructure were reasonably equal. However, it is clear that the proposals will radically alter the environment of the area in the south of the town. Whilst some new housing in pockets may be desirable, the widespread building on greenbelt land should not be allowed. There are plenty of more central brownfield sites that could be developed and we should not be taking land that will radically change the environment forever. The rationale for designating greenbelt land has not changed - it was there for a purpose and that purpose is still relevant today as it was in the past. Urban sprawl will occur if this Plan goes ahead.

The proposals are not sound as they will create more traffic issues and this is already a significant issue for people who have to travel and commute. I cycle regularly all around Warrington and the creation of more pollution hot-spots will inevitably happen if these proposals go ahead. A greener, safer and more environmentally friendly town should be the aim of the Council and planners - not creating a congested, dirty, health affecting and unsafe area.

It is clear that there is still demand for housing and developments in parts of the north of the town and these have been largely served with infrastructure developments that support these. The south of the town is intrinsically different and needs to be seen as such, otherwise it will become a sprawling mass of housing and commercial developments with no concern for the 'nature' of the area. These proposals are not sound and indeed may prove to be economically a disincentive for new families as they either choose other greener areas of the region, or move to places, where the character and feel of the place are like what Appleton and Stockton Heath are now not what they will be in the future.

If the Council moves forward with this plan it is very unlikely that the areas in the south of the town would receive the types of comments that were made on recent TV programmes about the desirability of South Warrington. There is not a sound justification for the proposals in the Plan.

We hope that this is a true consultation and all views will be taken into account. The Council only needs to look at how favourably the reversal of proposals concerning the local libraries was received to understand that many actual South Warrington residents feel very strongly about their quality of life and that this Plan does not outline the best strategy for moving forward and developing Warrington for the decades to come.

In conclusion, we believe that the proposals in the Plan are not sound nor do they treat current residents fairly. If it goes ahead then the environment (aesthetically, physically and the feel or nature of the place) will be affected negatively and a place that is widely recognised as a special place will be ruined forever.

Yours faithfully,

Brian, Alison Aitchison and family

[REDACTED] Residents

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.

As outlined above we believe that greenfield land should not be developed. A lot of the proposals for the housing and commercial developments should be considered for central or northern parts of Warrington where communications infrastructure is greater and potential changes to the nature of the area are less.

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)