

Response 563

Respondent Details

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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: Justin Hamilton

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. It is completely unrealistic, does not reflect the needs of south Warrington or its residents and not a sound plan in any way.

The plan is for a period of 20 years, which is too far in advance. 15 years is a better timeframe and is more usual in this type of plan. It also means that if a shorter time frame was part of the plan, the use of valuable and un recoverable green belt land would not be required. A shorter plan would not require the immediate loss of green belt as more brownfield sites would become available and a shorter plan has more flexibility to change as it moves along. National planning policy revisions have suggested that greenbelt should only be use in extreme and special circumstances. This is NOT one.

The predicted number of houses required is far too high. The plan does not justify the requirement for such a huge number of houses in total, and for 945 houses to be built each year. In fact, official population predictions suggest almost half that (528) is what would be required. There is no justification for this or the loss of valuable green belt which should only be released in exceptional circumstances. The green belt is a valuable part of what gives character to the south Warrington area. We currently enjoy distinctive village like communities with green space in between. Under this plan, these will become part of a single urban mass.

According to current guidelines the number of houses being proposed is far too high. The proposals are based off of very optimistic growth forecasts which do not reflect the economy at the moment or into the future. This forecast should be reassessed based of more recent data, not 2014.

The local plan does not give any clear transport routes or infrastructure improvements. Part of south Warrington character is that it has the ship canal which creates a geographical constraint; in the plan there is a single defined crossing west of the town, but nothing that is clearly defined and would benefit the south. Nor are there any planned improvements of the current ones which are in a poor state of repair and regularly failing. Traffic congestion is already a big problem, especially at choke points, and with the proposed number of new houses and warehouses it will be much worse. This will significantly add to local pollution levels - the north west is already one of the worst UK regions, with Warrington IS the worst town in the north west for pollution levels – (according to the WHO Ambient Air Quality Database v11 published on 29th May 2018). Again, this will only add to current high pollution and further damage the environment, ecology and quality of life for local residents.

Local amenities are currently very sparse; whilst the plan may mention the need for schools, medical facilities and shopping centres no details or promise is given as to them actually being provided. Developers are also likely to want to fit in as many homes, so not keen to build such either. As a result, there will be most likely, none or very few and would not be enough by far for the number actually needed. Also, likely is a car required to reach far away amenities. This will add to congestion, pollution and for any affordable homes in the area, potential isolation and poor quality of life as they may not be able to reach these amenities.

A logistics hub / warehouses to the east part of south Warrington M6/M56 interchange as part of the local plan is also poorly thought out. It contributes to the destruction of the local environment, increase congestion on the roads and poor quality of life for the local residents of what the local area mostly consists of. As part of the local plan, this again an example of a poorly considered idea of the greater local plan.

This plan is poorly conceived and is not sound;
It is far too ambitious for numbers of housing that is not needed. Does not provide a reasonable transport plan. Damages and destroys the beautiful local environment, ecology and pollutes the local area in what is an already poor air quality town. Does not recognise the need of amenities in the area. Destroys the feel of village like communities and green space which attracts people to live here. This is NOT a sound plan; it is not wanted and must be revised.

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)