

Response 653

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: Andrew Somerharju Neale

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)

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.

1. There is no justification for using Green Belt Land. The test for release is "exceptional circumstances". These do not exist within the plan.

2. The proposal to release Green Belt Land runs contrary to the Clean Air policy which is vital to the area.

3. The Green Belt acts as the lungs of the developed area. By releasing the land in the context of the consequential increase in traffic and pollution, the Council is abrogating its responsibility for the safety and well being of its citizens. I and others regard this part of the plan as potentially dangerous for the citizens and thus feel that the Council are being reckless as to the future health of all inhabitants of the Borough.

4. The use of Green Belt land is at complete odds to the requirements we face to combat climate change, not just locally but globally.

5. The proposed housing numbers are too high for the area to sustain.

a. The inherent unsound aim seems to be to achieve City status ahead of other considerations. b. The high numbers will generate much of the housing into commuter suburbs for Manchester and Liverpool but without the transport links or infrastructure support to sustain them. c. I refer above to insufficient transport links or infrastructure to support the housing, this will generate unacceptable congestion and pollution (see above points 1,2 and 3)

6. The plan's unsoundness can be gauged by the failure to address the transport infrastructure problems of the area. Warrington's Victorian street size and street layout, particularly in the South of the Borough is a self limiting factor to any proposed growth.

7. The plan fails to address transport pinch points particularly in and around Stockton Heath. The overall effect of the plan will be to gridlock Stockton Heath and alternative roads in and around the area. Users of Google Maps know that even with today's housing density, Google maps frequently comes up with preferred routes which avoid Stockton Heath and lead to higher density traffic in areas that have hitherto been jam free

The plan is unsound and seemingly fabricated by a group or groups of people who don;t understand the infrastructure requirements of town planning. The plan is very clearly targeting an area of Warrington that can return the most profit for the least amount of effort, with no thought as to the long term implications of the plan.

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.

Modifications required:- 1. Reduce proposed housing numbers; 2. Plan for village areas to make sure that the new areas complement their neighbouring villages; 3. Retain Green Belt; 4. Provide for radically improved transport links; 5. Address traffic congestion caused by the existing road and canal layouts; 6. Make provision for youth activities and sport;

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)