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# Warrington Borough Council

## Local Plan 2021 – 2038 Examination

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**Programme Officer:** Kerry Trueman

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ID04

Respondent Ref Number:

Respondent/Organisation:

Agent (if applicable):

23 June 2022

Dear Respondent,

### **WARRINGTON LOCAL PLAN EXAMINATION**

I am writing to you because my records show that you or your organisation submitted representations during the consultation on WBC's Updated Proposed Submission Version Local Plan 2021 consultation which took place between Monday 4 October and Monday 15 November 2021.

The Secretary of State has appointed Inspectors Kevin Ward BA(Hons) MRTPI and Andrea Mageean BA(Hons) BPI PhD MRTPI to carry out the independent examination of the Plan. The Inspectors will determine whether it has been prepared in accordance with the relevant legal requirements and whether it is 'sound' i.e. positively prepared, justified, effective and consistent with national policy.

I have been appointed as the independent Programme Officer to assist the Inspectors with all administrative aspects of the examination and my contact details are set out below. Outside of the hearing sessions which form part of the examination, the Inspector does not have direct contact with either the Local Planning Authority or Representatives. Therefore, all communications with the Inspector will need to take place through me.

The Inspectors have published the following documents on the examination website.

**You should carefully read these documents, especially if you intend on undertaking an active role in the examination:**

- ID01 - Inspectors' Guidance Notes

<https://www.warrington.gov.uk/sites/default/files/2022-06/ID01%20Inspector%27s%20Guidance%20Notes.pdf>

- ID02 - Inspectors' Matters, Issues and Questions (MIQs)

<https://www.warrington.gov.uk/sites/default/files/2022-06/ID02%20Inspectors%27%20Matters%20Issues%20and%20Questions%20%28MIQs%29.pdf>

- ID03 - Hearings Programme

<https://www.warrington.gov.uk/sites/default/files/2022-06/ID03%20Hearings%20Programme%20as%20of%2023%20June%202022.pdf>

The Inspectors' Guidance Notes explains the procedures which will be followed during the examination.

Information regarding the closing date for **hearing statements** is detailed below. **Adherence should be given to paragraphs 5.1 to 5.6 of ID01 if you intend to submit a statement(s).**

If you intend to **participate in the hearings** adherence should be given to the Inspectors' Guidance Notes especially paragraphs 3.1 to 3.9. **You are required to inform me no later than 5:00pm on Friday 8 July 2022 detailing which session(s) you wish to participate in.** Please note you may be asked to provide additional information.

The Inspectors have been provided with copies of all representations made in writing (or by e-mail) during the consultation period detailed above and they carry the same weight as those pursued by appearance at any of the hearing sessions.

The Inspectors' MIQs identify the main issues of soundness and legal compliance upon which the examination will focus, including during the hearing sessions; and the hearings programme sets out the expected dates for the sessions. However, this is subject to change, and you should refer regularly to the examination website:

<https://www.warrington.gov.uk/local-plan-examination>

The Examination webpage will be frequently updated and include all correspondence, evidence, representations and other documentation relevant to the Examination (the Examination Library).

Please ensure you check the Latest news and updates section regularly as this will be updated with important examination news. It is advised that you keep yourself up to date via the website as not all information will be sent out in correspondence.

If you do not have access to the internet and wish to view specific documents, please let me know so we can discuss an alternative.

Please find below the key information for the examination:

- **5pm on Friday 8 July 2022** Strict deadline to advise me if you wish to participate in the hearings and detail which hearing session(s) you would like to take part in.
- **5pm on Friday 22 July 2022** Strict deadline for the submission of statements to me for Matters 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6a-6f (weeks 1 and 2 of the hearings)
- **5pm on Friday 5 August 2022** Strict deadline for the submission of statements to me for the remaining matters (weeks 3 and 4 of the hearings)
- **9.30am on Tuesday 6 September** Date of first hearing. For subsequent hearing dates, please refer to the Hearings Programme.

Hearing Weeks 1 and 2 venue:

**Warrington Conference Centre,  
Halliwell Jones Stadium  
Mike Gregory Way  
Warrington  
WA2 7NE**

Hearing Week 3 venue:

**Council Chamber  
Town Hall  
Sankey Street  
Warrington  
WA1 1UH**

Hearing week 4 will be held virtually.

If you have any queries at any stage of the examination, please do not hesitate to contact me and I will be happy to help. In the meantime, I would be grateful if you could supply me with your up to date email address, if you have one, to ensure quick and efficient communication. However, if you would prefer not to receive any further information on the examination, please let me know and I will remove your details from my records.

Yours faithfully,

*Kerry Trueman*

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I am contracted by Warrington Borough Council for the purposes of this examination only. I am impartial and work under the Inspectors' direction but use a Council email address to securely exchange information.