

Warrington Local Plan Examination, Matter 13 Additional Document Produced by Warrington Borough Council

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Introduction

Cassidy and Ashton submit this Response Statement on behalf of Patrick Properties, who are the promoters of land known as South Station Place, south of Birchwood Rail Station.

This Statement provides a response to additional documents that have been produced by Warrington Borough Council (WBC) during the Warrington Local Plan Examination hearings, and it relates to documents CD35.

The following comments are submitted for consideration by the Inspectors’:

1. The additional document is an updated Air Quality Status Report. It is recognised that this is simply a more recent document which sets out the latest data and summarises the work being undertaken by the Council to address Air Quality concerns.
2. What the document does make clear however, which is of most relevance to our clients representations, is the role that non combustion engine forms of transport can play in improving air quality in Warrington.
3. The Report sets out how various initiatives have been supported including electric taxis and a bid to be an all electric bus town. The former failed due to a lack of interest and the latter was the subject of an unsuccessful bid.
4. It is clear therefore that the Council is seeking to provide support for public transport and associated forms of travel but is unfortunately being relatively unsuccessful.
5. It would therefore seem to be somewhat obtuse that the Council is not looking to support the Birchwood Park and Ride and associated enhancements to Birchwood Railway Station to facilitate increased levels of public transport use in this part of Warrington. Indeed on page V of the Report there is reference to the aim of increasing levels of public transport use. This would further assist in improving air quality in that part of the Borough.