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2021

Dear Sir/Madam

Warrington Local Plan – Proposed Submission Version 2021

Thank you for consulting Historic England on the above document.

Historic England is the Government's statutory adviser on all matters relating to the historic environment in England. We are a non-departmental public body established under the National Heritage Act 1983 and sponsored by the Department for Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS). We champion and protect England's historic places, providing expert advice to local planning authorities, developers, owners and communities to help ensure our historic environment is properly understood, enjoyed and cared for.

Historic England supports the content of the submission version of the Warrington Local Plan and the accompanying evidence base. Our response is attached to this letter.

The plan sets out a positive strategy for the conservation and enhancement of the historic environment as required by the NPPF (Paragraph 190). The plan includes strategic and development management policies which will sustain and enhance the significance of the Borough's heritage assets. In addition, the site allocations are accompanied (and referenced within each site policy), by robust historic impact assessments which demonstrate that the sites can be developed without harm to the historic environment.

Historic England has worked with Warrington Borough Council on an ongoing basis throughout the preparation of the Plan. We welcome the opportunities the Council provided at all stages of the Plan to comment and provide advice on the Plan's site allocations and policies. The Council's positive approach to the historic environment and their active engagement with Historic England, has resulted in a Plan which we support and, consider to be sound in terms of the requirements of the NPPF and the historic environment.

If you have any queries about this matter or would like to discuss anything further, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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**Historic England Response to the Warrington Local Plan
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7	Spatial Portrait	Sound	Historic England supports the content of the Spatial Portrait which sets out the evolution of the town and the contribution it makes to its unique character and identity including its historic environment.	None
20	The Vision	Sound	Historic England supports the inclusion of the historic environment within the Vision (Bullet 6). The long-term vision ensures that the Plan can demonstrate a positive strategy for the historic environment in line with the requirements of the NPPF. The vision for the plan gives the historic environment the prominence it deserves with other matters in line with the requirements of the NPPF.	None
24	Objectives	Sound	Historic England supports the inclusion of the historic environment in Objective W5, which is consistent with the requirements of the NPPF.	None
51	Policy DEV3 - Gypsy and Traveller and Travelling Show People Provision	Sound	Historic England supports Policy DEV3 as it ensures that any proposals will safeguard the historic environment of Warrington and accords with the requirements of the NPPF including paragraphs 8, 11a, 20 and 190 including the need for consideration of other relevant policies within the Plan, such as those covering the historic environment.	None
56	Policy DEV4 - Economic Growth and Development	Sound	Historic England supports the proposed employment allocations, as they are accompanied by an appropriate assessment of the historic environment (see additional site allocation/policy comments). The Plan can demonstrate that the sites can be developed without harm to the historic environment and that where harm is identified, appropriate mitigation measures are proposed. This accords with the requirements of the NPPF, in terms of setting out a positive strategy for the conservation	None



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			and enhancement of the historic environment.	
75	Policy TC1 – Town Centre and surrounding area	Sound	Historic England welcomes the content of this policy including improving the role of the town centre and its environment and enhancing its cultural activities. In addition, we support the need for development proposals to conserve and enhance the historic environment, in line with the requirements of the NPPF.	None
96	Policy INF3 – Utilities, Telecommunications and Broadband	Sound	Proposals for utilities and telecommunications have the potential to harm heritage assets and their settings. We welcome the requirement to ensure that there is no harm to heritage assets. In view of this, the policy provides a framework that would safeguard the Borough's heritage assets in line with the requirements of the NPPF.	None
101	Policy INF5 – Delivering Infrastructure	Sound	We welcome reference to heritage assets, in the list of potential matters to be funded by planning contributions. The town has number of assets on the Heritage at Risk Register and we welcome the opportunities to safeguard them, through this policy.	None
108	Policy DC1 – Warrington's Places	Sound	Warrington's historic environment is varied and includes both designated and non-designated heritage as well as its local character and distinctiveness. We welcome the inclusion of this policy. The policy provides a positive framework as required by the NPPF, that would help safeguard the Borough's historic environment when dealing with development proposals.	None
113	Policy DC1 – Historic Environment	Sound	We welcome the inclusion of a policy for the historic environment in the Warrington Local Plan. The policy sets out its strategy based on elements which contribute to Warrington's distinct identity and sense of place. We welcome the inclusion of the list within Para 2 of	None



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			<p>the policy and also the list of actions contained in Para 3 of the policy.</p> <p>In addition, we consider that Para 4 to 8 will provide an appropriate framework on which to guide the assessment of applications that affect Warrington's historic environment.</p> <p>In view of the above, the policy meets the requirements of the NPPF.</p>	
138	Policy DC6 – Quality of Place	Sound	<p>Historic England supports the content of Policy DC6. We welcome the inclusion of this policy which promotes the need for good design in all development proposals in Warrington. The NPPF Is quite clear that Plans should set out clear design expectations so that applicants are clear on what is required.</p> <p>In view of the content of this policy, it meets the requirements of the NPPF in achieving well designed places (Chapter 12), through the provision of specific principles/requirements that need to be addressed by development proposals within the Borough.</p>	None
160	Policy ENV4 – Primary Extraction of Minerals	Sound	<p>Historic England supports the proposed policy as it ensures that mineral extraction proposals will be required to be in accordance with other policies in the Local Plan which includes the historic environment one. We also support other policy criteria including building stone quarries, that will support the conservation and restoration of heritage assets and to sustain local vernacular.</p> <p>In view of this, we consider that this policy meets the NPPF requirements of the historic environment.</p>	None
163	Policy ENV5 – Energy Minerals	Sound	<p>Historic England supports the proposed policy as it ensures that energy mineral developments will be</p>	None

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			<p>required to be in accordance with other policies in the Local Plan which includes the historic environment one.</p> <p>In view of this, we consider that this policy meets the NPPF requirements of the historic environment.</p>	
170	Policy ENV7 – Renewable and Low Carbon Energy Development	Sound	<p>Historic England supports the proposed policy as it ensures that renewal and low carbon energy developments will be required to be in accordance with other policies in the Local Plan, which includes the historic environment one. In view of this, we consider that this policy meets the NPPF requirements for the historic environment.</p>	None
183	Policy MD1 – Warrington Waterfront	Sound	<p>Historic England supports the proposed policy and heritage impact assessment. Site Allocation MD1, is accompanied by a heritage impact assessment (HIA). The proposed policy ensures that any proposals will be required to preserve and enhance the historic environment. The policy reference to the HIA also ensures that this evidence is included in the site requirements for the site and that any proposals will need to be in accordance with it, including the implementation of recommended mitigation and design measures.</p> <p>In addition, Historic England welcomes the reference to the Transporter Bridge and the Plan's positive approach to securing the future of this heritage asset at risk.</p> <p>In view of the above, we consider that this policy/site allocation meets the requirements of the NPPF for the historic environment. The Plan can demonstrate that the site can be developed without harm to the historic environment.</p>	None



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193	Policy MD2 – South East Warrington Urban Extension	Sound	Historic England supports the proposed policy and heritage impact assessment. Site Allocation MD2, is accompanied by a heritage impact assessment (HIA). The proposed policy ensures that any proposals will be required to preserve and enhance the historic environment. The policy reference to the HIA also ensures that this evidence is included in the site requirements for the site and that any proposals will need to be in accordance with it, including the implementation of recommended mitigation and design measures. In view of the above, we consider that this policy/site allocation meets the requirements of the NPPF for the historic environment. The Plan can demonstrate that the site can be developed without harm to the historic environment.	None
202	Policy MD3 – Fiddlers Ferry	Sound	Historic England supports the proposed policy and heritage impact assessment. Site Allocation MD3, is accompanied by a heritage impact assessment (HIA). The proposed policy ensures that any proposals will be required to preserve and enhance the historic environment. The policy reference to the HIA also ensures that this evidence is included in the site requirements for the site and that any proposals will need to be in accordance with it, including the implementation of recommended mitigation and design measures. In view of the above, we consider that this policy/site allocation meets the requirements of the NPPF for the historic environment. The Plan can demonstrate that the site can be developed without harm to the historic environment.	None
218	Policy MD5 – Thelwall Heys	Sound	Historic England supports the proposed policy and heritage impact assessment. Site Allocation MD5, is	None



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			<p>accompanied by a heritage impact assessment (HIA). The proposed policy ensures that any proposals will be required to preserve and enhance the historic environment. The policy reference to the HIA also ensures that this evidence is included in the site requirements for the site and that any proposals will need to be in accordance with it, including the implementation of recommended mitigation and design measures. In view of the above, we consider that this policy/site allocation meets the requirements of the NPPF for the historic environment. The Plan can demonstrate that the site can be developed without harm to the historic environment.</p>	
223	Policy MD6 – The South East Warrington Employment Area	Sound	<p>Historic England supports the proposed policy and heritage impact assessment. Site Allocation MD6, is accompanied by a heritage impact assessment (HIA). The proposed policy ensures that any proposals will be required to preserve and enhance the historic environment. The policy reference to the HIA also ensures that this evidence is included in the site requirements for the site and that any proposals will need to be in accordance with it, including the implementation of recommended mitigation and design measures. In view of the above, we consider that this policy/site allocation meets the requirements of the NPPF for the historic environment. The Plan can demonstrate that the site can be developed without harm to the historic environment.</p>	None
241	Policy OS4 – Lymm	Sound	<p>Historic England supports the proposed policy and heritage impact assessment. Site Allocation OS4, is accompanied by a heritage impact assessment (HIA). The proposed policy ensures that any proposals will</p>	None

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251	Policy OS6 – Land to the North of Winwick	Sound	Historic England supports the proposed policy and heritage impact assessment. Site Allocation OS6, is accompanied by a heritage impact assessment (HIA). The proposed policy ensures that any proposals will be required to preserve and enhance the historic environment. The policy reference to the HIA also ensures that this evidence is included in the site requirements for the site and that any proposals will need to be in accordance with it, including the implementation of recommended mitigation and design measures. In view of the above, we consider that this policy/site allocation meets the requirements of the NPPF for the historic environment. The Plan can demonstrate that the site can be developed without harm to the historic environment.	None



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