

Warrington Borough Council Local Plan 2021/22 – 2038/39

ADOPTION STATEMENT

The Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended)

The Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 (as amended)

Notice is hereby given in accordance with the above named Act and Regulations, that Warrington Borough Council formally adopted the Warrington Local Plan 2021/22 – 2038/39 at a meeting of Full Council on the 4th December 2023.

The Warrington Local Plan 2021/22 – 2038/39 was subject to an independent examination carried out by Inspectors Andrea Mageean BA (Hons) BPI PhD MRTPI and Kevin Ward BA (Hons) MRTPI, appointed by the Secretary of State. The examination of the Local Plan included public hearing sessions which took place during September and October 2022, with an additional 1-day hearing session taking place in July 2023.

In the Inspectors' Report issued to the Council on 23rd October 2023, the Inspectors confirmed that subject to the Main Modifications recommended, the Warrington Local Plan 2021/22 – 2038/39 is considered to be 'Sound', legally compliant and provides an appropriate basis for the planning of the Borough.

Pursuant to Section 23 (3) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act (2004), the adopted Warrington Local Plan 2021/22 – 2038/39 incorporates the Inspector's Main Modifications. It also incorporates necessary additional Minor Modifications made by the Council that do not materially affect the policies of the Local Plan.

The adopted Warrington Local Plan 2021/22 – 2038/39 replaces the Warrington Local Plan Core Strategy (2014) in its entirety and covers the whole geographical area of the Borough.

Any person aggrieved by the adoption of the Warrington Local Plan 2021/22 – 2038/39 may make an application to the High Court under Section 113 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 on the grounds that:

a) the Plan is not within the appropriate power conferred by the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004;

b) a procedural requirement of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004, or its associated Regulations have not been complied with.

Any such Application must be made to the High Court before the end of the period of six weeks beginning with the day after the date on which the Warrington Local Plan 2021/22 – 2038/39 was adopted (i.e. six weeks beginning on 5 December 2023).

In accordance with Regulations 26 and 35 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 (as amended) and Regulation 16 of the Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004, the following documents have been made available for inspection on the Council's website:

www.warrington.gov.uk/LocalPlan

- The Warrington Local Plan 2021/22 – 2038/39 and Policies Map
- This Local Plan Adoption Statement
- The Local Plan Sustainability Appraisal Report
- The Local Plan Sustainability Appraisal Adoption Statement

They are also available to view electronically and in hard paper format at the Council's Principal Office, 1 Time Square, Warrington, WA1 2NT, during normal office hours (Monday to Friday 9.00am to 5.00pm).

If you wish to view the documents but are unable to visit the Council's office, or view the documents on-line, you may request from the local planning authority a copy of any of the documents in accordance with Regulation 36 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 (as amended). If you are in this position, please contact the Planning Policy & Programmes Team to make alternative arrangements. Please note that a charge will be payable for paper copies of requested documents, and you will be advised of the cost as part of your request.

Should you require any further information about the adoption of the Local Plan please contact the Planning Policy and Programmes Team by:

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