

# Proposed Submission Version Local Plan

## 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 reference number.

**Name of person completing the form:** Helen Middleton

**Email address:** [REDACTED]

2. What type of respondent are you? Please select one option only.  
If you are an agent please select the type of client you are representing.

A group or organisation

3. Please provide your contact details:

	Contact details
<b>Organisation name (if applicable)</b>	Warrington Action Against Inappropriate Development
<b>Agent name (if applicable)</b>	-
<b>Address 1</b>	[REDACTED]
<b>Address 2</b>	[REDACTED]
<b>Postal Town</b>	[REDACTED]
<b>Postcode</b>	[REDACTED]
<b>Telephone number</b>	[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.

Objective 1

2. What does your comment relate to? Please select one option.

Both of the above

**If a paragraph or policy sub-number then please use the box below to list. (For example - Policy MD2.1 part 3 or paragraph 10.2.13 etc as applicable).**

10.5.1 & Policy MD-5 Thelwall Heys, W2, W5

3. Do you consider the Draft Local Plan to be: Please select one option in each row.

	Yes	No
<b>Legally Compliant</b>		X
<b>Sound</b>		X
<b>Compliant with the Duty to Co-operate</b>		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.

The Government has now removed national housing targets that have driven the local housing calculation.

Therefore, all local plans in progress will have to be revised and calculations halted.

Thelwall Heys - Greenbelt cannot be released for housing without exceptional circumstances. Building executive homes does not constitute as 'an exceptional circumstance'. The houses are solely for profit, are unaffordable to 99.9% of local people and are not needed. In the Warrington Guardian back in March, there was a reported 1,115 unoccupied residential properties in the town centre - these should be the focus of the housing calculation as they would be affordable. There is not a 'housing crisis' but rather lack of affordable homes -with the end of the stamp duty holiday, prices should decrease and become more affordable for local people.

Building more houses will not improve the affordability aspect as the housing market is not determined by supply & demand.

The traffic is a major concern around the town, last week the town came to a standstill due to an accident on the M6. Building more car dependent estates will only add to this problem. There are backlogs of traffic at junctions including Cat & Lion which extends down London Road - this is a catastrophe when the swing bridge is not in operation. Lumb Brook, which extends up down Bridge Lane - this will be impossible for the additional school traffic at peak times.

Warrington is an ageing population, who exactly are these executive houses being marketed to?

The air quality in Warrington is a concern. It has been previously highlighted by the World Health Organisation as dangerous and in breach of national safety levels - this is an ongoing public health concern. The highlighted AQMA's around the town are unlikely to achieve national air quality objectives by the relevant deadlines particularly with additional traffic from the car dependent estates.

From the WBC census, the local population do not travel to work by a bicycle and have no incentive to do so.

On behalf of the local residents who are members of Warrington Action Against Inappropriate Development and the Local Plan Objection Group - we also do not want city status. There is absolutely no benefit to local residents, the only gain is to WBC and developers.

The design of Urban Splash and similar developments are not high quality and do not reinforce the character of the local area. The estates are bland and depressing causing social isolation and do not contribute to the local community. There are no GP surgeries or schools being built in 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.

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No greenbelt can be released without an exceptional circumstance - WBC cannot exploit this loophole to meet targets.

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.

Yes, I wish to participate at the oral examination

**If you wish to participate at the oral part of the examination, please outline why you consider this to be necessary:**

On behalf of Warrington Action Against Inappropriate Development. The group was set up to protect what is left of our countryside across Warrington.

You have just completed a Representation Form for Objective 1.

Please select what you would you like to do now?

Submit response ( I am a Developer / Landowner / Group / Organisation)