

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 Ruddy

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 local resident who lives in Warrington

3. Please provide your contact details:

	Contact details
Organisation name (if applicable)	-
Agent name (if applicable)	-
Address 1	[REDACTED]
Address 2	[REDACTED]
Postal Town	[REDACTED]
Postcode	[REDACTED]
Telephone number	[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.

MD2 South East Warrington Urban Extension

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

None 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).

All of the South East Warrington Urban Extension

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

	Yes	No
Legally Compliant		X
Sound		X
Compliant with the Duty to Co-operate		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.

Green Belt Status means that land should not be developed on and the plan intends develop much of South Warrington's Green Belt. Lack of infrastructure and ambiguity around infrastructure development leaves local residents very worried about how their homes may be affected by development of infrastructure. Although there has been some communication between the council and local people and parishes the council has not listened in any way to the public and have gone ahead in plans to destroy green belt and villages in South Warrington.

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.

No development on Green Belt land. Reduce development size dramatically. Focus on development of the Fiddlers Ferry site and areas around the town center as this will have less impact on the environment and will also help to make our town center a more desirable place to live, work and for leisure. Consider more carefully whether Warrington and Halton hospital can cope with developing the town and increasing population.

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.

No, I do not wish to participate at the oral examination

8. If you wish to upload documents to support your representation form then please select 'choose file' below. You can upload a max number of 2 files (up to 25MB each).

If you are submitting more than one representation form please note: If this file upload supports more than one representation form then please do not attempt to upload the same file on subsequent forms. On additional representation forms please use the comments/file description box to type in the 'name of the file', or 'see previous form'.

If the file upload is a different document for additional representation forms then please continue to upload the file as normal.

- File: Objection letter.docx - [REDACTED]

Comments/file description

Objections Described

You have just completed a Representation Form for MD2 South East Warrington Urban Extension.

Please select what you would you like to do now?

Complete the final part of the form, Customer 'About You' questions and submit response **(Part C)**

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
6/11/21

Dear Sir/Madam

I am writing to object to the local plan in particular the 'Urban Extension' in South Warrington. I understand that some development is needed but there are better, less harmful ways of delivering it than destroying Green Belt in the south of Warrington. The new 'revised local plan' has no different approach to the one previously published.

As a resident of [REDACTED] it is extremely concerning that the local plan is very vague about infrastructure and where future roads are going to be built. It is worrying to think a new road could be built within very close proximity to my home and cause massive increase in noise and air pollution. The vagueness of infrastructure planning is also concerning as it seems it has not been thought through with care. Infrastructure should come before development and this is not clear in the plan. It seems that developers will be able to cherry pick plots of land to develop over coming years and infrastructure will or might come later.

In addition to this, the south of Warrington does not have good public transport links and the nearest railways station is the town centre. To get to our town centre from the South of Warrington we have to cross one of three Victorian swing bridges. These routes are already considerably congested and building the sheer volume of houses here that you intend to will add to this. With no rail links people will need to drive into town and traffic will worsen. Even to get to the nearest supermarket people have to crawl through these already congested routes and swing bridges. The new road built linking Chester Road to Bank Quay area has been very poorly planned and causes further congestion. It is very difficult to get out on to Chester Road from Gainsborough Road or from near the junction at the Stag Pub. The traffic lights stop the traffic and block the road for cars trying to turn right on already extremely busy road. This does not help travel into the town center and still requires crossing the swing bridge or travelling down extremely narrow and residential roads near Hill Cliffe.

The lack of infrastructure and poor access to the town centre will just encourage people to use motorway links and drive to Liverpool and Manchester for work, leisure, shopping instead and therefore will not help the economic development of our town. I believe it would be much more beneficial to develop areas around our town centre and put money into developing a town centre that attracts people to live, work, eat and shop there.

In addition to this the plan does not show convincingly what the 'exceptional circumstances' are for development on green belt land. Green belt is precious and should not be developed. We should not be destroying green space and animals habitats when there are brown field sites that could be utilized much more. I support the development of the Fiddlers Ferry site and think that this along with town centre development makes much more sense to help save the environment and combat climate change. Furthermore, I know of primary schools close to Fiddlers Ferry with very low class numbers. It makes sense to develop this area, attract more people to live there and in turn return class sizes to normal there before building new schools elsewhere.

Destroying Green Belt will destroy the landscape and character of our South Warrington villages. Many people use the area as place to walk, cycle, run as the green open space is good for people's mental health. There will be very few green spaces left in Warrington should this plan go ahead. The town is becoming one big housing estate and I will certainly be looking to move out of my hometown should these plans go ahead. There will simply be no desirable place in Warrington left to live that has surrounding green belt and character.

Finally, as a local resident who is currently waiting for medical treatment at Warrington and Halton Hospital it is extremely concerning that over 4200 more families (not including the rest of the developments proposed in Warrington) will be need to be treated at these hospitals. I have already been waiting a considerable time for appointments in a very strained NHS hospital. It is clear that there is not the capacity at these hospitals for increasing population in Warrington.

To summarize, I object to the South Warrington Urban Development plan because:

- No justification for predicted growth
- No need for the volume of housing and mass of employment land
- No justification for scale of greenbelt release
- No need to harm air quality and local ecology
- No need to destroy landscape and character of our villages
- No clarity on the means of delivery
- No explanation of how the already poor transport infrastructure of South Warrington can cope with increased levels of traffic
- No thought to health care and hospital access for thousands more people
- Lack of green, undeveloped space with have a detrimental to mental health of Warrington residents.

I urge you to listen before it is too late. Once our villages and green belts are destroyed there is no going back.

Yours sincerely,

Helen Ruddy