

# 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:** Steve Ormand

**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
<b>Organisation name (if applicable)</b>	-
<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.

Plan as a whole

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

None of the above

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 Draft Local Plan as a whole is not sound because it fails to demonstrate sufficiently that the proposed housing developments are justified, are deliverable or that they align with local needs. I see little evidence that the Local Plan meets the area's objectively assessed needs.

In particular, it is clear, and it has been for a number of years now, that the town's infrastructure is inadequate in terms of providing access from the residential areas south of the Manchester Ship Canal to the retail centres in the north, and to the main hospital and the town centre. It is a fact that living in the south of Warrington it is easier to travel outside of the town to shop in nearby cities and towns, or to drive around to the north by the M6 and M62, or to travel to the hospital in Runcorn..

The Local Plan fails to adequately address these problems, in particular the river and canal crossings, and completely fails to address the impact of the proposed housing developments in the south. Apart from the diversion of Streeton Road to the A49, there are no links of housing development to prior development of infrastructure to cope with the influx of residents. It is clear from past developments that the housing would come first and infrastructure would fail to get off the ground as soon as developers move off to pastures new leaving the problems with the residents of the south.

Furthermore, the Local Plan fails to adequately consider that the majority of retail and work centres are to the north of the town and therefore the proposed housing in the south, and the loss of valuable green belt, is not justified as it will simply serve to add to the commuter belt status of Warrington South where residents commute to nearby towns and cities to work and spend, leaving Warrington with the infrastructure problem.

The Local Plan fails to address air quality issues with increased traffic.

Existing medical facilities in the south are already stretched. The Local Plan says the development will require new medical and leisure centres but fails to address where and when, adding to the already overstretched local services.

In respect of the Mass Urban public transport system I would simply point to my own experience as a prime example of an existing resident of Warrington South: born in Warrington from generations of Warrington residents and schooled in Warrington, I went to University out of town and I have never ever worked in Warrington. I have spent the whole of my 44 professional years commuting to the city (and I might add not by rail because the inadequate bus service rarely aligns with commuter train timetables) for work, leisure and retail. I see no evidence whatsoever in the Local Plan that would change that, only that it would get worse by the influx of new residents to a commuter belt. It is a fundamental weakness of the Local Plan to inadequately address the commuter status of Warrington South and the fact that new housing in this area will undoubtedly attract new residents from outside Warrington (as this area has done in the past) rather than solve Warrington's own housing needs.

5. If you answered 'Yes' to any of the options in question 3 then please give details in the box below the reasons why you support the legal compliance or soundness of the Draft Local Plan or its compliance with the duty to co-operate.

Please be as precise as possible.

I answered YES to Legal Compliance and Duty to Co-operate because I do not have sufficient knowledge to state NO.

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.

The Local Plan must address the following:

(a) The planned housing must be fairly spread across the whole of the Warrington area not focussed on the South simply because of the Homes England land holding. The Homes England land holding does not justify development at the expense of infrastructure.

(b) When the housing needs are properly assessed and the areas identified, the necessary infrastructure improvements to deal with (i) the existing problems and (ii) the additional housing must be set out in a deliverable form in the appropriate timescales to align with the housing development.

The Local Plan fails on both fronts.

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

You have just completed a Representation Form for Plan as a whole.

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)**