

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: Colin Bridger

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)	Colin Bridger
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.

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
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.

The development of green belt land and out of town areas does not comply with many of the stated goals such as reducing the dependence on cars, improving air quality, preserving leisure areas to promote improved mental health, increasing the quality of life of more deprived inner town areas, creating a more environmentally friendly transport system that is inclusive of cycling walking and public transport.

The plan doesn't address key goals of development of the town centre that would attract investment, create high-value employment, and create an attractive proposition for town centre living using brownfield and rezoned sites that will promote improved health through less reliance on cars.

The plan doesn't address the congestion on all parts of the A49, that cause pollution, and waste energy and people's time, leading to a poorer quality of life.

The plan doesn't add any detailed proposals on how to alleviate the congestion in South Warrington due to limited, outdated, poorly maintained, and in some cases dangerous, e.g. the blind single lane crossing of Bridgewater Canal on Red Lane Walton, crossings of the Manchester Ship and Bridgewater canals.

There is no detailed plan on improvement of infrastructure to cope with increased traffic levels and encourage cycling, walking and use of public transport, or how the charging requirements for the increasing proportion of electric cars will be handled.

There is an absence of policies to address the new context of the covid and post-covid era, where large shopping centres have lost anchor tenants and have high vacancy rates. Specifically, the Golden Square and surrounding area is a primary example and this whole inner town area could be redeveloped to be mixed residential, retail and commercial. This would create a true heart to the town and if developed sympathetically can be a experiential destination, attracting shoppers, leisure visitors, and tourists, bringing revenue that would otherwise go to Chester, Liverpool, Manchester and other local towns such as Altrincham, Knutsford, and Nantwich.

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.

consultations were provided.

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.

Address all of the issues in answer 4.

Focus on regeneration of the inner town creating a vibrant mixed use visitor destination town, improve infrastructure around the town, promote development of brownfield sites, safeguard all of the greenbelt that is part of what makes Warrington unique, and improve access for all to the leisure areas in the greenbelt so that it isn't just the affluent areas of South Warrington that enjoy it.

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:

I have lived abroad for 10 years in the USA and Europe and experienced the joy of living in areas that have successfully and sympathetically regenerated their towns and cities, such as Philadelphia US, Trenton US, Kempen Germany, and Cologne Germany, and the benefits this has on the town's people and the growth the towns have enjoyed. I continue to travel nationally and internationally in my job and have seen many examples of what does and doesn't work in regenerating industrial heritage towns and cities. When returning to the UK, I could have chosen to live anywhere and chose Warrington (I'm not from Warrington). Having lived here for 10 years, I'm passionate about the town and would like to provide my input based on the above experiences and provide true representation of my comments.

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

Please select what you would like to do now?

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