

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: P Burton

Email address: -

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

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

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

	Yes	No
Legally Compliant	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sound	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Compliant with the Duty to Co-operate	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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.

It would appear that WBC are using the argument that "the borough wants to build houses on the green belt for those additional residents who are needed to fulfil the additional employment roles that economic growth will create" and elsewhere the argument is made that "additional employment needs to be created through economic growth to provide work for residents attracted to the new houses built in the green belt". That argument makes no sense and is not an exceptional reason for building on the green belt. It's like saying that, in a town with 20,000 residents and employment to support these residents, for no good reason we would like to double the town to 40,000 residents and double the employment to support the new residents! The approach is unnecessary and not exactly carbon neutral. There are no exceptional circumstances for building in the green belt. I don't see why is it a problem if Warrington misses out on employment opportunities to adjacent conurbations as long as we have employment to support our current residents. Surely it is better to maintain our green belt at all costs. If any changes are to be made to the green belt, it would be better to plant additional trees creating new woods/forests to help defeat global warming. It is stated by WBC that Warrington is already the biggest conurbation in Cheshire and has twice the residents of Chester, so it cannot be essential to build on the green belt to make Warrington even bigger still. Our borough is already much more densely populated than "Cheshire West and Chester" and "Cheshire East", there are no exceptional circumstances to make it even more densely populated by building in the green belt. WBC mention that the revised plan only releases 5% of the borough's existing green belt to be concreted over, but for those of us who [REDACTED] because of its green belt, we are faced with losing something like 75% of the green belt in our parish. This will have a devastating effect and make the area less attractive to live in for the talented business leaders and entrepreneurs that ensure Warrington's businesses are robust and successful. A sound approach for the 21st century is to put the environment first and not release anymore of Warrington's green belt for non essential growth.

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.

My suggestion would be not to build on the green belt in the proposed Warrington SE Urban Extension area. If Warrington has more adults seeking employment than the employment opportunities in the borough then develop the "ugly" Fiddlers Ferry site with new employment opportunities. If however, Warrington has more employment opportunities than adults seeking employment then develop the Fiddlers Ferry site with new houses. Don't attempt to grow Warrington's economy at a time of global warming crisis by replacing the green belt in Appleton with concrete and bricks. Maintain the green belt and support the environment.

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 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)**