

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: Carolyn Thompson

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)	[REDACTED]
Agent name (if applicable)	-
Address 1	[REDACTED]
Address 2	-
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

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).

My objection is to the whole of the development of Grappenhall Heys and South East Warrington Urban Extension to at the beginning you will not allow me to add both.

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.

It is a criminal offence to disturb or kill many species present within the green belt land that Warrington Borough Council has put forward for urbanisation in the Preferred Development Option. New roads and building developments also disturb nearby wildlife outside of the earmarked area.

Some of the species the PDO will affect include but are not limited to: bats, badgers, dragonflies and damselflies, water voles, all wild birds - their nests and eggs, moths, butterflies, bumblebees, honey bees, hedgehogs, shrews, dormice, pine martins, ducks, frogs, herons, lizards, newts and toads.

Game birds are not included in the act, they are covered by the Game Acts, which fully protect them during the close season. Brown Hares are also protected in the close season.

Woodland, meadows, verges, ponds, streams, hedgerows and trees provide vital resources for mammals, fish, birds, and insect species. The development of green belt land destroys entire habitats for our native wildlife and puts some species at further risk of extinction.

Biodiversity is key to the survival of life on Earth. Its loss deprives future generations of irreplaceable genetic information and compromises sustainability including pollination of crops and wild flowers.

The groundbreaking UK National Ecosystem Assessment (NEA) published in June 2011 provides a comprehensive account of how the natural world, including its biodiversity, provides us with services that are critical to our wellbeing and economic prosperity. However, the NEA also showed that nature is consistently undervalued in decision-making and that many of the services we get from nature are in decline. Over 40% of priority habitats and 30% of priority species were declining in the most

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.

Unfortunately, I wouldn't want to provide any modifications, the whole plan needs to be redressed. There is no way that our already overcrowded motorways can cope with the anticipated houses and businesses you propose in Grappenhall, Stretton, Appleton and Appleton Thorn.

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: Key facts about Warringtons Air Quality.pdf - [REDACTED]
- File: Key facts about Warringtons NHS.pdf - [REDACTED]

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)**



Key facts about Warrington's Health Care.

A group of local residents has been working together to try and find some information that might be useful when you are responding to the Council's Consultation on their Preferred Development Option (PDO).

You don't have to use all of these points, or any of them at all if you don't want to, but we hope they help you decide what you want to say, or the questions you want to ask.

This document uses published information from the NHS about our services in Warrington. Reports from the Care Quality Commission, who are responsible for inspecting health services, talk on many occasions about how skilled and committed the staff working in our hospitals and the community are.

NHS leaders in Cheshire and Merseyside have developed a sustainability and Transformation Plan which means they have to save over £900 million by 2020. There will be very little money to grow services to meet the needs of Warrington's population.

In England, Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) that are responsible for planning, commissioning and monitoring our health services are reviewed every year. A report published by the Government in July 2017, which was a national assessment of all Clinical Commissioning Groups, said that **Warrington CCG requires improvement**.

CCGs face a very difficult task, particularly as NHS budgets are generally recognised as being under pressure. It is unclear how this will be managed if the population of Warrington increases in line with the PDO plans.

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2017/07/Annual-assessment-report-16-17.pdf>

The Royal College of GPs said in 2015 that Warrington was one of the top ten places in England that has a shortfall in the numbers of GPs for the size of our current population. They said we already need a 57% increase in our GP numbers (55). There is a national shortage of GPs. It is not clear in the PDO how the additional GPs the population will need will be found. <http://www.pulsetoday.co.uk/your-practice/practice-topics/employment/some-areas-of-england-needing-more-than-50-boost-to-gp-numbers-claims-rcgp/2009186.article>

When the CQC last inspected Warrington and Halton Hospitals they said that it **requires improvement**. In a report published in June of this year Warrington hospitals were shown to have missed some of the care standards that they are expected to achieve. These included

A&E 4 hour waits – **Warrington 91.55%, Target 95%**

Cancer patients having first treatment within 62 days **Warrington 75%, Target 85%**

Patients with breast symptoms waiting for 2 weeks – **Warrington 87% Target 93%**

<https://improvement.nhs.uk/resources/quarterly-performance-nhs-provider-sector-quarter-1-201718/>

in 2015 the CQC said that in Warrington they thought urgent and emergency care services are good, as is surgery, end of life care and services for children and young people. They also said however that medical care, including older people's care **requires improvement** as does intensive and critical care, maternity and gynaecology care.

The CQC raised concerns about access to services and delayed discharges reporting that **all the hospital's beds were often full** and that patients were unable to get the support they needed to go home.

In addition, the CQC raise concern that there were **not always enough doctors** to see patients in a timely way and that there were **not enough nurses to cope if patients needed additional care**. Because of these things the CQC were concerned that it was difficult to be sure that patients ended up on the best ward for their care.

<http://www.cqc.org.uk/location/RWWWH>

The Bridgewater Community Trust provide many of the community services to Warrington. The CQC published a report about this organisation in February 2017 and said they feel it **requires improvement**. They found some areas of **outstanding practice and good services** including community inpatient care, some services for adults and good work with the ambulance service. They also identified some areas that require improvement including dental care, services for children, young people and families, urgent and end of life care. They also expressed concern about staffing numbers and waiting times.

<http://www.cqc.org.uk/provider/RY2>

The CQC assesses organisation using 5 categories. This is what they said about our services:

CQC Assessment	Warrington Hospital	Bridgewater Trust
Safe	Requires Improvement	Requires Improvement
Effective	Requires Improvement	Good
Caring	Good	Good
Responsive	Good	Requires Improvement
Well Led	Requires Improvement	Requires Improvement

This document shows that there are many good things about our health services but also that they are under pressure and are not always able to give us the quality of care we need. It is unclear what the impact of an increasing population would have on our local health services.

What else matters to you? Write to the Borough council telling them what you think of the plan.

You can do that by email or post.

Email: ldf@warrington.gov.uk.

Write to: Warrington Borough Council, Planning Policy and Programmes, New Town House, Buttermarket Street, Warrington, Cheshire, WA1 2NH

It doesn't matter how long or short your response is. The important thing is to let the council know the strength of feeling.

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Building the numbers of houses and roads, as described by the PDO, is likely to bring thousands of extra cars in to the town every day. There is clear evidence that motor vehicles make a significant contribution to poorer air quality and congestion.

1. Air Pollution is recognised as a contributing factor in the onset of heart disease and cancer. The health cost of this in the UK is thought to be about £16 Billion every year.
2. Professor Paul Cosford the Medical Director for Public Health England, a national organisation that advises the Government and Local Authorities how to improve everyone's health said in March 2017

“Air pollution can damage lives with harmful effects on human health, the economy and the environment. It is the largest environmental risk to the public's health, contributing to cardiovascular disease, lung cancer and respiratory diseases.

It increases the chances of hospital admissions, visits to Emergency Departments and respiratory and cardiovascular symptoms which interfere with everyday life, especially for people who are already vulnerable. Bad air quality affects everyone and it has a disproportionate impact on the young and old, the sick and the poor”

<https://laqm.defra.gov.uk/assets/63091defraairqualityguide9web.pdf>

The plans are highly likely to increase the pressure on local NHS services due to poorer air quality.

3. In Warrington in 2013, 4.8% of all deaths were caused by man-made particulate pollution in our air, which is equal to 95 unnecessary deaths a year. This is slightly worse than the average for the North West of 4.6%.

4. In 2015 WBC measured levels of a harmful air pollutant called Nitrous Oxide in 47 places around the town. It has an annual mean objective of keeping levels below **40µg/m³**. The Council's own monitoring showed that in 2015, 28 (60%) of those sites had pollution levels higher than their own objective. In 2014 only 8 (17%) of sites exceeded that level so Warrington's Air Quality worsened.

Information source for points 1,3 & 4. [WBC Air Quality Annual Status Report 2016](https://www.warrington.gov.uk/info/201090/environmental_issues/2024/air_quality_and_pollution).

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5. In May 2016, the World Health Organisation said that Warrington is the second worst place in the North West for breaching air pollution safety levels.
6. In 2011 the Council's Local Transport Strategy said
 - Warrington has a higher percentage of households with 2 or more vehicles (36%) than the rest of the North West (27%) or UK (30%).
 - Warrington attracts more journeys to work (97,078) each day than it generates (85,813) and is the 8th largest attractor of work trips in Greater Manchester, Merseyside & Cheshire.
 - Warrington has a higher percentage of people commuting over 20km to work in (17%) or out (18%) of the borough than the rest of the North West (10% & 14%).

These figures show that Warrington already has a heavy reliance on motor vehicles. Should the plans be approved air quality may worsen.

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