## **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: JULIAN WORTH

**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 group or organisation

3. Please provide your contact details:

	Contact details	
Organisation name (if applicable)	Chartered Institute Of Logistics & Transport	
Agent name (if applicable)	-	
Address 1		
Address 2		
Postal Town		
Postcode		
Telephone number		

## **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.

**DEV4** Economic Growth and Development

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

Both of the above

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

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

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 fails to address the needs of Warrington, the North West and the UK for freight transport and logistics in a Net Zero decarbonised future

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.

It appears to be legally compliant

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 Plan should address future needs for decarbonised freight transport and logistics by siting major warehousing and distribution developments at rail-connected sites, or those which can be rail-connected at reasonable cost. Locating such developments at sites which can only be served by road is unsound and does not comply with Government objectives to decarbonise transport. There is no viable option for trunk haulage by HGV in a decarbonised manner - modal switch to electric rail is the future for trunk haulage, with short-range battery trucks for local/regional distribution from regional hubs. In the North West, the key hubs need to be located in the Warrington/Wigan area. The proposed distribution complex close to the M6/M56 junction is completely unsustainable, since it cannot be rail-connected and would be reliant on road transport for all movements. Port Warrington is an ideal site for a Strategic Rail Freight Interchange (SRFI) and should be reinstated to the Local Plan. The brownfield Fiddlers Ferry power station site offers an alternative which is operationally less efficient, since it involves at least one train reversal at Arpley (two for trains arriving from the North or East), but has good on-site rail facilities and ample flat land for the construction of warehouses and an intermodal terminal.

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:

The needs of logistics and freight transport are not well understood and it would probably be helpful if a senior member of the leading professional institute in the field put these across in person

You have just completed a Representation Form for DEV4 Economic Growth and Development.

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)