

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: John Lydon

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)	John Lydon
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.

INF2 Transport Safeguarding

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

A specific policy sub-number (s)

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).

Policy INF2, 2.d - Western link

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

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

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 Western Link business case is difficult to see. You have it at £220M in the supporting documents. That figure, based on a revision of the case from 2017 is under severe pressure owing to well-known construction materials and labour inflation since the pandemic and Brexit. Without Port Warrington and the Commercial Park, the main case is for housing. Just over 1000 houses in the 18 year life of the plan? That's not many for £220M, and to put it into perspective it's a fraction of even the smallest of Warrington's wards. Congestion benefits are moot: a) building roads doesn't fix congestion - it makes more traffic owing to induced and latent demand; b) If the road appears attractive any initial congestion benefit becomes self-limiting; c) the new housing in the 'Waterfront' development has to travel to either Sankey Way or Walton Lea to then join the wider network - the proximity to Warrington's urban centre is overstated. On foot or bike, (particularly on foot) the average distance from the houses to the town centre (eg Market Gate) will not seem close, being of the order of a mile at best and not through a very favourable walking environment at least initially. The western link's business case is surely evaporating. That's without taking into account any of the broader downsides eg losing mature urban green space at Sankey Bridges.

One additional, general, point - your form suggests that an opinion ought to be expressed as to legal compliance and compliance with the duty to co-operate. I neither agree nor disagree on those and am not expressing an opinion, however the phrasing - 'Please select one option in each row' suggests that the item should be completed. The form should have a 'Neither agree nor disagree' option.

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.

Drop the Western Link.

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 INF2 Transport Safeguarding.

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)**