
Part B – Please use a separate sheet for each representation

Name or Organisation: Keith Whitehead

3. To which part of the Local Plan Review does this representation relate?

Paragraph Policy

4. Do you consider the Local Plan Review is:

4.(1) Legally compliant	Yes	<input type="text"/>	No	<input type="text"/>
4.(2) Sound	Yes	<input type="text"/>	No	<input type="text" value="X"/>
4 (3) Complies with the Duty to co-operate	Yes	<input type="text"/>	No	<input type="text"/>

Please tick as appropriate.

5. Please give details of why you consider the Local Plan Review is not legally compliant or is unsound or fails to comply with the Duty to Co-operate. Please be as precise as possible. If you wish to support the legal compliance or soundness of the Local Plan Review or its compliance with the duty to co-operate, please also use this box to set out your comments.

See representation on separate sheet below

(Continue on a separate sheet /expand box if necessary)

6. Please set out the modification(s) you consider necessary to make the Local Plan Review legally compliant and sound, in respect of any legal compliance or soundness matters you have identified at 5 above. (Please note that non-compliance with the Duty to Co-operate is incapable of modification at examination). You will need to say why each modification will make the Local Plan Review legally compliant or sound. It will be helpful if you are able to put forward your suggested revised wording of any policy or text. Please be as precise as possible.

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Please note: In your representation you should provide succinctly all the evidence and supporting information necessary to support your representation and your suggested modification(s). You should not assume that you will have a further opportunity to make submissions.

After this stage, further submissions may only be made if invited by the Inspector, based on the matters and issues they identify for examination.

7. If your representation is seeking a modification to the plan, do you consider it necessary to participate in examination hearing session(s)?

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No, I do not wish to participate in hearing session(s)

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Yes, I wish to participate in hearing session(s)

Please note that while this will provide an initial indication of your wish to participate in hearing session(s), you may be asked at a later point to confirm your request to participate.

8. To which part of the Sustainability Appraisal (SA) report does this representation relate?

Paragraph

Please add any further comments relating to the SA report in the box below.

(Continue on a separate sheet /expand box if necessary)

9. If you wish to participate in the hearing session(s), please outline why you consider this to be necessary:

Please note the Inspector will determine the most appropriate procedure to adopt to hear those who have indicated that they wish to participate in hearing session(s). You may be asked to confirm your wish to participate when the Inspector has identified the matters and issues for examination.

Details of why the Local Plan Review is not sound

Paragraph 12.47 in the Local Plan and also included in Policy AC5 says *Major trip generators such as the city centre, Ansty Park, Whitley Business Park, the Universities and the Hospital will be a priority for the provision of high quality rapid transit services. Routes will also serve Coventry main railway station and other transport interchanges to enable close integration*

12.46 The Council's preferred way to deliver rapid transit is the Very Light Rail system and development proposals which are expected to create significant numbers of additional trips on the network, and are located in close proximity to a proposed rapid transit route should seek to make provision for those routes including new infrastructure to facilitate the integration of the rapid transit network into the development site. The level of need and expected provision will be determined through Transport Assessments and Travel Plans.

Whitley Business Park is identified as a major trip generator. The Local Democracy Reporting Service was told in January 2025 that the business case for the Very Light Rail route to the airport site "makes far more sense." and the new priority route will go to the investment zone via a south-east loop route through Whitley.

In the 2022 Strategic Outline Business Case for Very Light Rail it said that transport corridors have already been built into masterplans. However there is no reference to Very Light Rail or a public transport corridor in the Policy DS4 (Part B) Whitley Specific Masterplan Principles. As there is no reference to Very Light Rail this suggests that it is not expected to fund the system before 2041.

Modifications considered necessary to make the Local Plan Review sound

The suggestion to make the Local Plan Review sound is to be accurate about the new priority route that may go to the investment zone via a south-east loop route through Whitley.

If there is a possibility that funding could be secured before 2041 then at least the public transport corridor should be built into masterplans for Whitley developments as has been done for other masterplans.