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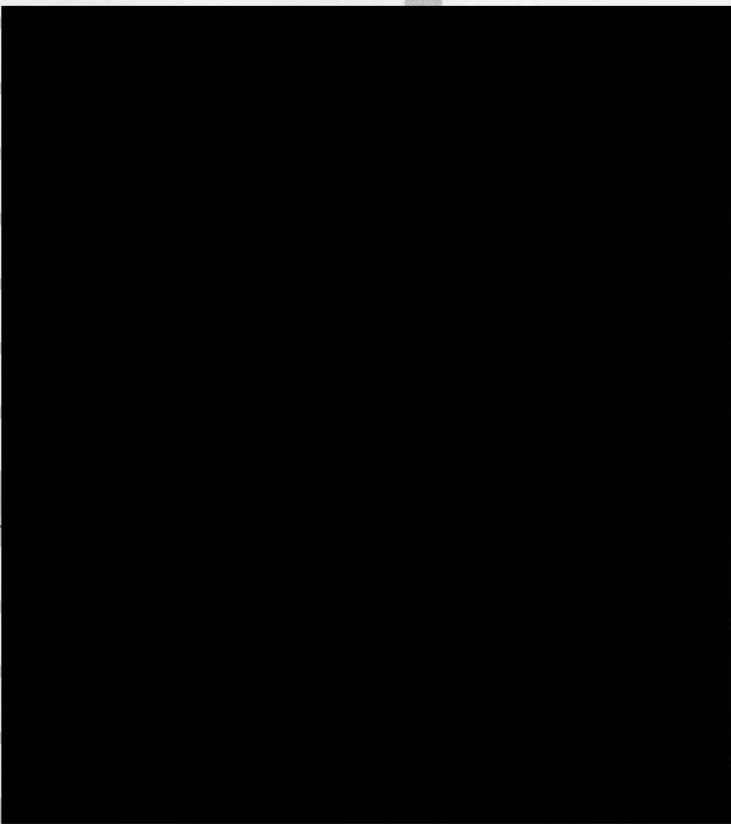
Revised Development Strategy Response Form 2013

Please use this form if you wish to support or object to the Local Plan - Revised Development Strategy.

If you are commenting on multiple sections of the document you will need to complete a separate copy of Part B of this form for each representation.

This form may be photocopied or, alternatively, extra forms can be obtained from the Council's offices or places where the plan has been made available (see back page). You can also respond online using the LDF Consultation System, visit: www.warwickdc.gov.uk/newlocalplan

Part A - Personal Details

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Part B - Commenting on the Revised Development Strategy

If you are commenting on multiple sections of the document you will need to complete a separate sheet for each representation

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Which part of the document are you responding to?

Paragraph number / Heading / Subheading (if relevant)

Map (e.g. Proposed Development Sites - District Wide)

What is the nature of your representation?

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Development Policy Manager
Development Services
Warwick District Council
Riverside House
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Leamington Spa
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26th July 2013

Dear Sir or Madam,

Reference: The Warwick District Council Revised Development Strategy

Following your proposals I would like to raise the following objections to the local plan:

1. The housing targets proposed for the plan are excessive. They are well in excess of the needs of the district for the next fifteen years and seem to represent a decision by the District Council to go for growth without any mandate from the local community and will be ruinous for Warwick.
2. Concentrating development to the south of Warwick in preference to the more distributed pattern contained in previous plans is very poor planning which when taken in conjunction with the proposed development by Stratford District Council of up to 4800 houses at Gaydon/Lighthorne. This will mean a total of over 8,000 new houses / 20,000 new residents living along the Gaydon to Warwick/Leamington corridor. Most of which will shop and use the medical facilities in Warwick and District Council. The development needs to be more evenly distributed and thought through.
3. This compounds the potential for serious damage from excess traffic to what is already a traffic dependent economy. The new plan will generate patterns of traffic that add counter-sustainable commuting across Warwick and Leamington Spa to places outside our District.
4. The land allocations are accompanied by road proposals designed to accommodate the traffic generated by them. Very little thought seems to have been paid to the impact of the new traffic and the proposed mitigation measures on the existing urban fabric. Surprisingly, proposals are in several cases made without being backed up by the evidence of traffic modeling. With the huge increase in housing to the South of the District, this will mean unsustainable traffic congestions and pollution levels. These proposals are totally inappropriate for the Conservation Area of Warwick and will damage its fabric, environment and its businesses. Furthermore it appears that the phase 3 traffic assessment has been solely concerned with accommodating the traffic generated from the new land allocations rather than reducing their impact, and proposals contained in the assessment to cope with the extra traffic are "engineering" solutions that are naïve, potentially catastrophic and/or inappropriate.
6. The current pattern of journey to work in the sub region is for over 7000 vehicles to

travel to and from Coventry each day in both directions across our area. Recent analysis shows that 75% of all through traffic in Warwick is just that – passing through. The provision of major new or extended employment areas at Gaydon, south Coventry and to the south of Warwick will encourage additional daily journeys along roads through Warwick that are particularly congested at peak periods already, with consequent extra congestion and environmental damage. The proposals in the plan for a park and ride based in the south of Warwick are therefore wrongly located and would tend to increase cross town traffic rather than reduce it.

7. As we are now increasingly aware, large volumes of traffic is seriously damaging to health and the latest threat identified is the potential to cause lung cancer. The levels of through traffic within the area of the town centre has already been 'designated' to a likely breach of the Nitrogen Dioxide (annual mean and hourly mean) objective as specified in the Air Quality Regulations (England) (Wales) 2000. Adding to the already unacceptable levels of pollution and subsequent damage to health is surely poor planning from any public health perspective.

8. The gipsy and traveller sites as proposed are again concentrated to areas south of the district and inappropriately balanced across the whole district. Crime in the new proposed housing areas will increase as compared to current levels.

9. Protecting Warwick Castle's status as the finest castle in the UK is crucial to the town's future. Looking south over the ramparts at another 3,000 new homes will be contrary to recommendations of the District Council's landscape and environmental consultants. The historic nature of the town will be irreversibly damaged. More consideration should be taken of their advice and to the preservation of the landscaped setting of the approaches to the south of Warwick.

10. Living in (allegedly) the lowest house in Warwick, the risk of flooding is a real one for our family. Recent floods have all been man made, with the flood waters not coming from the river, but up, out of the drains. The drainage of the 6,630 proposed new dwellings will join the water course at some point. Considering the state of the existing system and the constant need for the District Council to manually maintain the main under-river sewer less than 50 yards from our house coupled with the run-off of many of the proposed dwellings, I fear you are subjecting us to inevitable flooding in the future.

11. The proposed development plan is not providing enough commercial /employment land to provide jobs for the likely 10,000 new economically active adults. The balance is heavily in favour of residential land and likely to substantially increase our local unemployment rate.

Therefore I am strongly opposed to the Revised Development Strategy and hereby register my objections to

Yours sincerely

Stephen Ray

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