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Dear Mr Barber

Ref; Objection to New Local Plan

Please accept this letter as my objection to the New Local Plan which is due to end its consultation period on 29th July 2013.

My reasons for objection are as Follows;

1. I do not believe the proposed 12300 houses are required and would ask that the Bishops Tachbrook Parish Council calculation be adopted as the reasoning is sound and based on facts.
2. The consultation that has been introduced is to say the least complex and extremely difficult for the public to follow. The amount of documents required to be completed on line is extremely difficult as one has to familiarise themselves with numerous documents before they can attempt to submit responses.
3. The infrastructure plan is far from the finished article and until the whole picture can be seen it is irresponsible for WDC to approve any planning applications or developments. The dual carriage way only goes part way to helping the existing traffic problems let alone the impact of additional traffic. The access to hospitals, fire, police across bottleneck bridges has not been addressed. Even with the South Warwickshire NHS plan there is still not enough beds to cater for the proposed numbers of additional patients.
4. If plans are passed then the infrastructure should be put in place before any housing is started. To say section 106 will provide finance is just not good enough as in the past promises have never been fulfilled but inadequate compromises made by WDC/developers.
5. I do not believe that WDC has done enough to utilise brown field sites and derelict buildings and land. I know this is time consuming and costly for developers but I believe this would alleviate the need to build on green land and green belt.
6. In the past WDC have made numerous mistakes and are still making them ie, Warwick Gates development insufficient and poor infrastructure, Jury Street in Warwick is dangerous and ill thought out and latterly the Local Plan has revised the majority of the housing south of the river when it was spread north and south. If they got it wrong once why is it not wrong again!!!!
7. To plan for houses up to 2029 is too far ahead as economic situations, governments etc change far quicker and no one can for see that far into the future with any degree of accuracy.
8. In addition to the above there are the concerns re pollution, the creation of urban sprawl (which was taboo in the last local plan), the over ruling of Areas of Restraint put in place in 2007 and if there is to be development spread it around the whole district including villages and minimise the significant impacts on a few local residents.

Finally, for this objection, many residents have put in complaints/ objections to both Government officials and Ministers and to WDC officers and we are now being passed from one to the other without either making decisions or trying to help the situation. It appears to me that WDC have made up their minds on the plan and whatever the public say is of no importance. The consultation process has merely been a paperwork exercise as it had to be done for legal reasons.

I would ask that for the benefit of our historic towns you reconsider the total plan before any planning applications are considered.

Yours sincerely,



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