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Dear David Barber,

Re: Local Plan, Revised Development Strategy

Here are my comments on the Revised Local Plan:

In N.3, Strategic vision, your vision of " Sustainable Garden towns, Suburbs and villages" is indeed a vision. All it comes down to is a mega suburb which will hang around the towns of Warwick, Leamington and Kenilworth like a heavy weight.

You say that you "care for our built, cultural and natural heritage". But in fact the whole plan kills this "vision".

I leave to other experts the study of the validity of the argument about the number of houses you state are necessary.

Infrastructures:

In 5.2 for instance you justify your choice of sites for building because they are adjacent to urban areas therefore "well located for facilities and services", which lets you off building the infrastructures you mention throughout.

Same with schools in 5.1: You admit that the existing ones will have to be expanded.

All this leads therefore to the grave problem of greatly increased traffic. Indeed it is the most worrying aspect of your plan.

In 3.5, and 3.6 for instance, you declare your intention of protecting heritage assets and areas of significance, of your commitment to protect town centres, of "sustainable strategies" (??) to insure " health and well -being ", of "safer communities".

An, yet, you mention only once the dangerously increased pollution which will ensue and the detrimental effect on the existing population and the fabric of the town.

Your plan is totally ignoring the inhabitants of the towns. This plan is an amazing reversal to the 1960s and 1970s when the mentra, which is also yours, was: facilitate the traffic flow, to the detriment of the pedestrians and inhabitants and of the built environment, especially in historic

places like St Nicholas Church Street, Castle Hill, Gerard Street, Mill Street and also Priory Rd, Jury Street, Emscote Rd and Coventry Rd to name but a few . Your Solution: a forest of traffic lights.

You know very well that our streets are already well above the legal acceptable level of pollution. In fact nothing in your plan addresses pollution and solutions to diminish traffic except derisory measures like increasing the frequency of the 68 bus!

What the Council should devote itself to is how to diminish the present traffic and the dangerous level of pollution. It has been done elsewhere, so please be forward looking , be truly visionary.

Yours sincerely,

