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I am writing to express my sadness and concerns regarding the Warwick District Council's "Local Plan" of future development of new homes.

As a resident of Whitnash for 42 years, it saddens me that the once quaint, peaceful "village" in "leafy" Warwickshire is to be spoilt once again ~~by~~ by new housing development.

I attended a Whitnash Council meeting on Tuesday 16th July, and it is quite clear that all the people who attended the meeting are against the plans.

I fully understand that the population is growing, and development has to take place, but it has been pointed out time and time again that the SOUTH of Leamington always bears the brunt of development.

Warwick Gates, Heathcote Industrial Estate, Shires Retail Park, Morrisons, Aldi, Asda etc.... all built in the SOUTH of Leamington. The NORTH OF

Leamington gets left alone, with the excuse being used that it is surrounded by Green Belt land.

It seems that the Green Belt excuse is used when it suits, as it has been pointed out that the planned high speed train line will cut through Green Belt land, but that's going to be allowed, so why not new houses?

Maybe the people who decide where THEY want new development, live in the NORTH of Leamington, or somewhere away from the proposed development sites, because they don't want it on "their" doorstep.

Why are the local residents whose lives will be affected ignored?

Why don't the council listen to their concerns and fight against the plans?

They just roll over and let the government do whatever they want.

Nobody has any say anymore. The public's opinions don't matter.

I know that if the whole of Whitnash opposed the plans - they'll still go ahead and build anyway.

At the council meeting, the developers and highway agency made no mention of new roads to cope with the increase in traffic saying that "they don't think there will be a problem". The traffic

In our area already gets congested at rush hour in the morning and evening, the school run etc.

Many households now on average own at least two cars, so multiply that by the amount of new houses being built - and it adds up to chaos on our local roads.

Our hospitals and health services are already at breaking point.

● Can it cope with an influx of thousands more people in the local area?

Will we get another hospital, more police, more health services?

An increase in people needs an increase in public services.

I have also seen the plans for the gypsy + traveller sites - AGAIN, the majority in the SOUTH of Leamington

● Why can't the new houses be distributed evenly in small pockets across the area - so that it is fair on everybody.

Whitnash, Bishops Tachbrook and Sydenham will all be joined together. They will not be separate villages and towns anymore - just one big urban sprawl.

I know that my letter, and many more that oppose the plan will make no difference whatsoever.

When the government makes plans, they always go ahead, regardless of public opinion.

We vote at elections to put our chosen candidates in power to help us - the people who vote for them, the general, hardworking people, who pay our tax and keep this country going, and we expect them to take heed of our views, but a lot of the time they don't.

We have no say anymore in anything.

Please at least make things fair for the people of SOUTH Leamington for a change.

