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Dear Sir

RE OBJECTION TO LOCAL PLAN

I wish to object to the proposed Local Plan for two main reasons.

- 1) The overall number of houses will not be sustainable from either an economic or an environmental perspective
- 2) The proposed number of new houses is much greater than the number of houses required by the local population. The proposed houses will require a significant influx of people from outside the Warwick district. It is this rapid increase in population which can not be accommodated without significant environmental and economic

(2)

problems

From an environmental point of view the proposed road improvements will not mitigate the increased traffic. Traffic will inevitably increase substantially as the new residents will be mainly commuters. The flow of traffic is limited by the narrow bridges over the river which cannot be widened.

The Air Quality is already very poor in Warwick town and this will deteriorate further. The increase in air pollution will particularly affect the centre of Warwick and also affect the two large schools on the Myton Rd. - Warwick School and Myton School.

From an economic sustainability viewpoint there has been little take up ^{the} of commercial premises already built in Warwick and land identified as commercial is already being redesignated for housing. This means that people will be working elsewhere.

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- probably mainly in and around Coventry
- where land prices are lower and therefore
more attractive to businesses.

A sustainable approach would be to
have work and residential expansion
in proximity to each other.

2) The planned concentration of new
houses in south of Warwick,

The proposals will ~~not~~ permanently
end the historic division between Warwick
and Leamington Spa and create a single
urban sprawl.

There will be significant damage to
the nature of Old Warwick Town
with the Southern approaches to the
Castle and Town being damaged.

The old bridge with the renowned
views of the Castle will be a
permanent traffic jam as the
through-roads northwards have very

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limited capacity due to the Medieval layout of the town

Myton Road has two large schools and the traffic along the road during school term is already at saturation point

The proposed increase in traffic will be unbearable for residents, parents of school children and anyone else travelling between Warwick and Leamington. Children walking to school will have to breathe the fumes of the stationary traffic. Tail backs during school times already exceed 1 mile and often move more slowly than the pedestrians.

The pollution and general air quality will be at dangerous levels and we should not be designing a housing expansion which so disregards the health of those school children.

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I propose that the planned number of houses for Warrick District is significantly reduced - in order to reach a sustainable situation and that a more distributed pattern of build is planned for.

Yours sincerely


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