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Dear Sir / Madam,

With regard to the proposed Local Plan, I wish to submit these considerations:

The question that must be posed is: has the area got the resources to support such a vast increase in housing?

I believe it will take a heavy toll on hospitals, schools, roads and air quality.

It has become evident that the real number of homes needed in our locality is nearer 6000 than 12000.

Local schools and hospitals are currently accommodating extra numbers without adequate provision, trying to make best use of existing premises and without new building that is required.

ASK any local resident, and they will tell you that there is already great pressure on existing roads - how will the area cope with such a huge influx of new residents and commuters? Appendix E of the Local Plan makes very sober reading; do we really want a crawling queue of traffic through our town in 15 years' time? Apart from the logistical nightmare of handling increased traffic, what consideration has gone to the subject of air quality? This is already compromised in Warwick Town Centre - in fact it has already reached illegal levels

Warwick is an ancient historic town - one that is unique. How will its identity be preserved if it is required to service so great an increase in population? Warwick deserves to go into the future as a unique entity, not as part of a huge swathe of urban sprawl.

Any change of roads to accommodate increased traffic will impinge negatively on the town itself. Warwick has a reputation as a town of note, and tourism serves to boost its economy - will the town be best served by extensive road improvements and alterations that will be required, should the local Plan be adopted? I think not. We have just had our new Tourist Information centre and this will raise the town's profile. What a waste if Warwick becomes a congested, polluted centre!

The matter of siting houses on greenfield sites will also have a negative effect, with so many people forced on to roads to access local amenities, absent in new centres of housing.

Little thought seems to have been given to these aspects of the local Plan. In short, it is too much, it is illconceived; it is out of scale for the area; it will be detrimental to our locality. Local opinion has been ignored in the past. It is now time to stop, to rethink the plan and modify it for the good of all ~~its~~ the residents of the area, both present and future.

Yours faithfully,

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