

To: David Barber, Development Policy Manager, Warwick District Council.

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Dear Sir,

Living close to Myton Road and the border between Warwick and Leamington my wife and I are very concerned over development plans for the south Warwick area.

I attended a meeting on Monday 22nd July organised by Warwick & Whitnash Town Councils, Bishop's Tachbrook Parish Council and The Warwick Society at the Guy Nelson Hall, and was disgusted that no representative from the District Council was present to justify the Council's reasons for the Revised Development Strategy of the Local Plan.

Several aspects of the Plan were discussed at the meeting, chief amongst these being:

1. **Housing** - the proposed building of 7,000 new properties with 4,500 of them in south Warwick will transfer the two towns into one gigantic urban sprawl.
.. How has the forecast for future housing been calculated and why is the bulk of it on farmland in south Warwick? Why have you increased the 5 year supply of sites to meet demand when statistics show this is not needed?

2. **Infrastructure** - the additional infrastructure that will be necessary will be tremendous. Transport will be a major problem and plans to create dual carriageways will simply move traffic more quickly from one blockage to the next. New schools will be required, and the local hospital, which is being used to its full extent already, will become inadequate. Water supply and sewage facilities will probably require enhancement. Will any of the cost of all this fall on local council taxpayers?

No mention has been made of the proposed development of 1,900 new homes at Lighthorne Heath sanctioned by Stratford District Council. The resultant traffic flow into Warwick will only intensify traffic problems.

3. **Environment** - how do you intend to control pollution levels with increased traffic flow, when the Council is already supposed to be taking steps to reduce the existing level in the town centre and elsewhere?

With poor air quality the health implications for all are dangerous.

4. **Alternative** - surely there must be a case for revising some of the figures in the Local Plan and its Revised Development Strategy, including re-assessment of housing numbers, more gradual release of land, and use of more brownfield sites.

The problem of air pollution remains a major worry as does that of traffic flow through the town. Extended use of traffic lights and creation of sections of dual carriageway will hardly be the solution.

c.c. Dr John Linnane, County Medical Officer of Health
Chris White, MP

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