

27 Coventry Road,
Warwick CV34 5HN,
24th. July 2013

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Dear Sir/s,

Re W.D.C. Local Plan, Revised "Sustainable" Development Strategy, July 2013.

As someone who has lived and worked in and around Warwick since 1938 I cannot fail to be in total disbelief when I read of the proposals, especially 12,300 houses to the SOUTH of Warwick.

I submit my main concerns as follows;

Pollution

Already the local authorities (WCC and WDC) are more than aware that many of Warwick town centre streets and some in Leamington are well above the permitted POLLUTION levels and implementing the proposals will exacerbate already illegal levels. Myton Road and Banbury Roads both have hundreds of children travelling / walking along them every day, to and from school which will expose them to dangerous levels of pollution.

Warwick Town centre is full of pedestrians and many babies at low level in push chairs who will be overwhelmed by the vastly increased levels of pollution, just not acceptable, surely?

Traffic

The massive increase in traffic flows would cause day long chaos and as the attractive Town aspect from the South of Warwick will be destroyed this should receive urgent consideration as, after all, Warwick is in an environmentally sensitive and major tourist area to which, it seems, no consideration has been given whatsoever. The WCC has admitted the multi lanes in Banbury Road and Myton Road will not be successful in overcoming the overall mass impact of thousands of additional vehicles. All of the proposed traffic proceeding over the Castle Bridge and thus into Warwick does not bear thinking about in view of the present volumes, just go down there between 7 and 9.30 a.m. or 3.15 and 6.30 p.m. on any term time week day!

South Warwick, Whitnash, Bishops Tachbrook.

These areas will be totally overwhelmed by the proposed number of houses, the existing communities lives and living conditions decimated together, possibly, with the values of their properties.

Just why cannot the green belt / green land space considerations be ignored for North Leamington and Milverton as in other WDC areas in order to spread the proposed new housing around the WDC area? It is surely only fair that these areas share some of the new developments.

12,300 new houses surely cannot be a guaranteed requirement for new housing in the area, it is generally agreed a realistic figure is i.r.o. 5,000 which would certainly make a far more acceptable argument.

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Infrastructure

It is understood new schools, community centres will be built although their time scales on site will need to be far more realistic than the Chase Meadow Estate in Warwick.

Presumably sewage and water will be available in good time but those of us who know Warwick Hospital are aware that as with most hospitals, it is stretched at the seams now before another 20, 30 or 40 thousand people descend on it!

Gipsy Sites

Yes they need homes but not in such sensitive areas as Hampton Road, Warwick and the Warwickshire Exhibition Centre which has over recent years been striving to develop (successfully) both will be most inappropriate sites.

Chief Executive

Our M.P. Chris White raised a question in Parliament very recently regarding the WDC local Plan and the Minister responded by indicating the Local Authority (WDC) "should involve decision making by Local People". I am totally dismayed that Mr Chris Elliot, Chief Executive in response said, he has "noted the observation from the Government Minister" Not what I would call an encouraging reply from such a Senior Officer

In Conclusion

Please, whoever is in a position to affect this totally unfair distribution of housing on such a historic town, please search your conscience to ensure fair play for all in the Warwick Area.

Kind regards,

Tony Atkins



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Warwick Town Councillors.

Chris White M.P.

Dr. John Linnane, Health and Well Being Officer.

Warwick Society

Development Policy Manager, W.D.C.

Cllr. L. Caborn

Mr. C. Elliot, Chief Executive Warwick D.C.