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Dear Sir

LOCAL PLAN JUNE 2013-REVISED DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY

My wife and I have lived in Warwick since 1993 and have enjoyed the benefits of life in a Midlands area with generally good amenities and services. We fully realise the need to make provision for further housing in the area. However we have serious reservations about aspects of the above local plan, and in particular the proposals for housing in the area south of Warwick and Whitnash; the area identified as Area 6 on the Plan.

Having studied the above document and visited the exhibition we would like to make the following comments on the Local Plan, specifically related to Area 6..

1.Choice of Sites and Number of Houses

The number of houses envisaged for Area 6 is such that the resultant road traffic density in the whole area may be unsupportable. A visual inspection of traffic at peak times shows serious problems in Europa Way, Gallows Hill, Banbury Road, and leading directly into Warwick Town centre and into Leamington centre via Princes Drive and Old Warwick Road. We are already familiar with the traffic congestion, aggravated by gridlock resulting from motorway overspill, accident situations and road works due to repairs, sewerage and utility work. We just do not have adequate main roads in and through and around Warwick and Leamington.

A bold plan is required to provide additional roads, dual carriageway if necessary, and park and ride facilities. In addition we need to consider a traffic congestion scheme as in London, and a limitation of 'one to a car' in vehicles during peak times. . A WDC sponsored Cycle based 'park and ride' might well contribute to a lessening of traffic at peak times Finally a very recent report has shown the health risk to people who live in serious air pollution areas, which is already the case in Area 6, and would be seriously aggravated if your proposals were to be implemented. The WDC has a legal responsibility to address this concern.. We note that the WDC offices themselves generate a considerable amount of road traffic and hence pollution. Extra pollution is absolutely avoidable, given the will and determination.

We note that one Company operates a regular shuttle bus service between the Technology Park and the train station. You might consider putting suitable companies under an obligation to provide bus or minibus

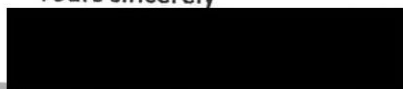
services between their offices/factories/supermarkets and the train station, the bus station or other hubs, or to ask them what they can and will do to address traffic matters.

2. Around the town there are numerous smaller areas which could be developed for housing, and these already are close to amenities for shopping, medical needs and recreation. Development of these smaller areas would significantly ease the requirements of Area 6, and minimise the effect on the character of the town.

Summary

A large number of local residents*, including my wife and I are extremely concerned about the proposed development and ask that the whole matter is put on ice so that our concerns can be properly addressed.

Yours sincerely

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Eric C Mundler

*We attended the meeting at Guy Nelson Hall on 22 July which was very well informed and also aware of the need for our developments to dovetail in with those of neighbouring authorities.