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*Dear Mr. Barber,*

**WARWICK DISTRICT COUNCIL LOCAL PLAN REVISED VERSION**

I am writing to support Warwick District Council's Local Plan as revised.

I am aware of the enormous task you are facing in providing new growth while balancing environmental, planning and other objectives. Accordingly, I welcome the Local Plan now based on sound principles and robust evidence to ensure that it provides a solid framework upon which to guide future development. I am also very well aware that the Preferred Options for the New Local Plan published in June 2012 did not comply with the National Planning Policy Framework and that as a consequence it would have been found unsound at the ensuing Public Inquiry.

I am glad that the District Council has recognised that Exceptional Circumstances to develop the Green Belt to north of Leamington do not exist since, as a consequence, the risks of the Local Plan's being found unsound at Public Inquiry are thereby reduced.

The new development should be concentrated where there are existing employment opportunities and infrastructure to support it. It is essential that new development is properly planned and controlled, and where necessary there is adequate investment in new roads and other infrastructure to support it.

The Revised Development Strategy fulfils these objectives. Recent evidence shows that the revised plan may have less traffic congestion, less pollution and improved schools and other facilities than building on North Leamington's Green Belt.



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