

Village Housing Options Response Form 2013

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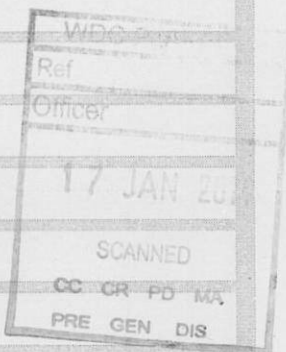
Please use this form if you wish to support or object to the Village Housing Options and Settlement Boundaries.

If you are commenting on multiple sections of the document you will need to complete a separate copy of either Part B and/or Part C of this form for each representation.

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Part A - Personal Details

	1. Personal Details	2. Agent's Details (if applicable)
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Would you like to be made aware of future consultations on the new Local Plan?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
About You: Gender		
Ethnic Origin		
Age		
Where did you hear about this consultation e.g. radio, newspaper, word of mouth, exhibitions, parish council?	PARISH COUNCIL and DEVELOPER	



Part B - Commenting on the Village Housing Options

If you are commenting on multiple sections of the document you will need to complete a separate sheet for each representation

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Which part of the document are you responding to?

Page Chapter Paragraph
 Table or Figure Village Plan

What is the nature of your representation?

Support Object

Please set out full details of your representation of support or objection. If objecting, please set out what changes could be made to resolve your objection (Use a separate sheet if necessary).

SEE SEPARATE SHEET, ATTACHED.

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VILLAGE HOUSING OPTIONS: OBJECTION TO SITE No 1
RESPONSE FROM PROFESSOR D P KELLY

The principal reasons for my objection to Site No. 1 are:

1. Road congestion and consequent environmental degradation and hazard. Southam Road is already a regular bottleneck: a traffic incident, the most minor of roadworks, and frequent use of the pedestrian-controlled crossing (e.g., at school times) already lead to tailbacks that can extend way back out of the 30-mph zone. To add 100 houses, with up to 200 additional local vehicles, requiring access to and exit from Southam Road (with or without traffic control) will create rush hour gridlock, causing delay to commercial and commuter traffic, more likelihood of accidents, a damaging rise in noise and particularly air pollution affecting the whole village, and increased hazard and inconvenience to pedestrians. Exits from School Lane and Offchurch Lane on to the Southam Road would become more difficult and potentially hazardous than is already the case.
2. Loss of rural character: apart from the loss of useful farmland, building on this land would be a nail in the coffin of the attractively rural ambience experienced on entering the village from Leamington Spa, enhanced by the proximity of some of the earliest buildings extant in the village: the 16th century White Lion public house, the thatched cottages, and the original Manor House, dating from the early 1800s (and in part from the 18th century). Views of the 12th century St Nicholas Church would also be lost, with the current striking aspect of the church effectively becoming an anomaly in a dormitory housing estate. This whole area has national heritage value and should be conserved.
3. Local amenities are limited or at capacity: the village has no local medical practice, and the nearest at Sydenham is heavily subscribed; local schools are already at limiting capacity; the village shop is a local convenience store, but not a major shopping resource for an influx of new shoppers. That would simply add to the heavy traffic flow on the Southam Road.
4. The proposed site needs archaeological assessment, which might delay or prevent such a development. The site has probably been farmland since the 17th century, so there is the likelihood of occupation of historical interest from the Roman, Saxon and Norman stages of the village development, as well as of medieval and pre-17th century buildings or other activities: there is said to be evidence that the church was not always as remote from the centre of the village as it is now, and this would need investigative excavation by professional archaeologists.
5. As an alternative to site 1, I recommend development at sites no. 2 and 3. At least 40 dwellings could be accommodated on each of those sites.