

To The Co-ordinator



We are fully supportive of the HMRA Response to the Consultation in Hampton Magna but would ask that you incorporate the feelings of Budbrooke residents who also form part of this membership. Our concerns regarding the proposed '90' additional houses to expand Hutton Park Estate (directly opposite our properties in Birmingham Road) all mirror the issues of Green Belt Erosion, Increased traffic, pollution, noise, potential for more accidents near Ugly Bridge, Danger of surface water on Birmingham Rd, possible loss of hedgerows & wildlife opposite our homes, inadequate drainage & electricity supply which often suffers intermittent failure. We are also strongly against a road access from Birmingham Road to the proposed expansion of Hutton Park - If development of Hutton Park is unavoidable then access to the new housing should be from within the estate via Chasingworth Drive through Ebrington Drive, thus distinctly separating the designations of Budbrooke and Hutton Park. We would also wish to refer to draw your renewed attention to a document link on the Internet: "Preferred options - PO4 Distribution of sites for Housing B Category 1 and 2 Villages"

This was Representation 48841 prepared by Alex Davis on Preferred options by Budbrooke Parish Council in 2011. This highlighted an independent Parish survey which showed no support for further development and flagged up most
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of the points we are still making about housing expansion around the area.

A further interesting document on the NET - entered as "Warwick DC site plan for new houses" -

It reveals Chapter 14 from the Warwick District Local Plan 1996-2011 Inquiry = Inspectors Report

I am not sure ~~whether~~ the main document is still available at the council (they may have suspended it due to the contents). Chapter 14 looked at a wide variety of objections - close attention is drawn to paras 14.2.3, 14.2.4, 14.2.5, 14.2.6 and 14.2.7 - all confirming Hutton Park land should remain in the Greenbelt; it was a 'planned community' where further expansion opportunities were unlikely to exist and that further expansion would harm the special value of the area & the setting of the community. Originally the permission was for 650 houses, with a later 100 dwellings permitted which was considered far in excess to the initial capacity & need.

Our view is that any expansion of Hutton Park or Hampton Magna can only be harmful to the area by creating many long-term negatives as well and not least, by spoiling the rural and pleasant surrounding area, turning it into part of the urban sprawl. Greenbelt land must be fought for at all costs, therefore we oppose these developments. →

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We attended both of the local 'Went's' at Budbrooke Community Centre on 17/12/13 and Hutton Park Community Centre on 6/1/14. Both offered very little apart from Booklets and a scripted representative of the District Council. No doubt earlier consultation meetings which gave individuals an open forum are out of favour by the Council in their quest to greatly reduce feedback to their proposals. We only managed a quick discussion at the Budbrooke meeting which comprised →

① People are being asked to comment on just an outline proposal — there are no specific plans as there will come later when bids for land by the developers is made.

② We were told feasibility studies have already been carried out by the Council for, air quality on Birmingham Rd, effect of green-belt, increased traffic flows, potential for road flooding on Birmingham Rd, affect on ecology. The results (not surprisingly) they say, show little impact for the locality, especially the back lanes over Ugly Bridge.

③ It was suggested that increased traffic flow would not be a problem for people living on Birmingham Road — the traffic lights at Old ~~Birmingham~~ ^{Budbrooke} Road would have a likely adjusted sequence and this should take care of things !!! . . . It was obvious that any study could only have been made by persons unfamiliar with the area. →

④ The latest suggestion of 90 new homes on Hutton Park was questioned when originally the proposal was 70-90. Likewise 100-150 for Hampton Magna was queried. We received a stock reply that 90 was now the figure. We questioned any likely agreements to extending numbers within the total planning period to 2026 but gained no satisfactory reply. This needs to be questioned again.

⑤ Hedgerows along Birmingham Rd form a lush habitat for birds as well as a usefulness to ease pollution - We asked if they are protected but again only gained a comment that the Council would agree removal if necessary to New Plan needs.

⑥ We said that the proposed new road access directly from Birmingham Road at probably the most dangerous stretch between "ugly Bridge Road & the Hutton Park Island" was lunacy on part of the Council. The reply came that the arrows shown on the maps in the Nov. 2013 Village Housing options & Settlement Boundaries Consultation booklet was only drawn in to define the sites and not to confirm actually agreed road access points. (Therefore it is important that local people with concern about this make sure they raise it in writing to the Council.) As we mentioned earlier, we feel if there is a Hutton Park expansion then access should be confined within the estate via Ebrington Drive.

⑦ We asked the Representative from WDC why all available/unused Brownfield sites do not seem to be on "open display"? How can we accept any transparency of information bearing in mind that the overriding Government guidelines are to only consider building on Greenbelt land if exceptional reasons exist. So, what are the exceptional reasons specific to this locality? The reply we got was "the Council would welcome being told by the public where there are likely brown field sites"?

⑧ We made little headway in trying to find out whether the housing figure of 12,300 might be revised/reduced - - - -

So we need to dig our heels in and fill in our option response forms. It would be helpful to have these available locally - not everyone has computer access.

We need to make people aware of the very recent research for The National Trust. This found that 51% of English authorities with Greenbelt land were very likely to allocate it for development.

More importantly, over half of the 147 local authorities responding said that they had Brownfield sites but did not find them viable locations for their projects or income. So perhaps we need to ask our Council if they are just one of the reckless Councils who term our Greenbelt as 'washed over' so it is easy to shift boundaries & a more profitable option.

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apologies for the handwritten notes.
We do not have a computer family at
present.

Hope the points will add some food for
thought to presenting some response for
the whole area across our Parish

We are not sure if there are any further
local discussion meetings planned as we
do not readily obtain information about
Parish events etc. We feel it is important
to air our views to both Budbrooke & Hatton
Parish Councils.

Thank You.

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