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Revised Development Strategy Response Form 2013

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Please use this form if you wish to support or object to the Local Plan - Revised Development Strategy.

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Both proposed development and the list of possible gypsy and traveller sites are too heavily concentrated towards the south of the District, especially in the area immediately to the south of Warwick and Leamington. At the level suggested, this would destroy the current nature of the historic town of Warwick and place unsustainable demands on the surrounding infrastructure, especially as Warwick and Leamington would become conduits for greatly increased traffic movements between the proposed mixed estates and employment to the north.

The unbalanced nature of the Plan seems to arise from two basic assumptions. The first is the scale of development assumed to be required to pass a 'soundness' test. This is being contested elsewhere (notably by Bishop's Tachbrook Parish Council) so I won't repeat the detailed arguments here. Nonetheless it seems clear to me that such a severe loading on the currently

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attractive towns of Warwick and Leamington is too high a price to pay to meet a perceived requirement to accommodate a high level of population influx into the District.

The second apparent reason for the biased nature of the Plan is the reluctance to encroach on the green belt land in the north of the District. Although to do so would clearly be undesirable, it seems likely that the north could take a larger share of the increase in population without transgressing the general principle of separation of the Warwickshire towns from Birmingham and Coventry. In particular, the existence of green belt to the north is not an adequate justification for essentially restricting the search for gypsy and traveller sites to the south of the District.

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