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Dear Sir,

It is unrealistic to have to have another 12,000 homes in the Warwick District Council area which is already heavily populated. At an occupancy rate of 2.4 people per household which seems to be about the current norm that equates to another 26,000 people. Kenilworth's population is 23,000 so can we absorb in the area more than the equivalent of another Kenilworth? I think not.

It is difficult to see why such huge numbers are necessary when just down the road 7 miles away there is an enormous city ie Coventry where there are lots of affordable homes. It shows a total lack of joined up thinking.

The effect on Kenilworth and particularly Eastern Kenilworth will be devastating. 1000 homes is a massive number of new homes bigger than the Knights Meadow Estate which is relatively recent. Over another 1000 cars all trying to use the roads in the morning will create terrible congestion. At present Kenilworth has a leafy, spacious, semi-rural feel but all that will be lost with the proposed over-development and together with the other proposed developments in Warwick and Leamington the area will become like a giant conurbation. The whole of Warwick District Council should be designated an area of restraint to counter the massive West Midlands conurbation.

There will also be a knock-on effect with farming land near Castle Farm being replaced by sports facilities for Kenilworth Rugby Club and Kenilworth Wardens. That area will lose its rural feel and affect those who walk in the countryside. The proposed site for all the development along the A46 is currently green belt. So far the green belt has been protected but this raid on green belt land will alter the character of the area for the worse for ever. The green belt should be preserved for posterity so future generations enjoy a decent environment. The site by the A46 is in any case a REALLY stupid place to build houses because the noise and pollution from the road which now occurs 24 hours a day will make living there unpleasant. The A46 when built avoided built up areas but now the planners think its ok for people to be driven bonkers 24 hours a day by high noise levels and for people in offices and other employment not to be able to open their windows. Studies have shown that excessive noise has a terrible adverse effect on children so the new Thickthorn estate will become a "sink" estate with all sorts of social problems.

Yours faithfully,

