

Barford Neighbourhood Plan

Comments on transport matters

We are pleased that the Plan takes a proactive approach regarding the key transport issues in the Barford area. It is encouraging that any funding which is subsequently received locally will be put towards improving the transport network with an emphasis on pedestrian and cyclist safety. We would also recommend community projects to reduce car usage such as car share schemes or car clubs that have been successful in other towns.

Our specific comments on the Plan are as follows:

Policy B11: Traffic Management

- New developments are subject to Warwick District's planning process but Barford could be consulted in the pre-application process along with other relevant parties.

Policy B12: Transport Improvements

- We would require further information on any highway improvement schemes, traffic calming measures and pedestrian priority schemes before any comments/decisions were made.

Policy B13: Parking

- Warwickshire along with many other parts country has sought to control the amount of parking provision within new developments in recent years. The generally low provision is to make sure that new developments are sustainable and make best use of the land available; they do not encourage additional car trips; and trips that are to be made are done so through non-car based modes where possible.
- The generous provision set out by Barford is at odds with Warwickshire's Parking Strategy, as set out in the County Council's Local Transport Plan 2011-2026.
- We would note that parking standards contained within neighbourhood plans are subject to those set by district councils, in this case Warwick District.

- Therefore, the parking standards set out in the Barford Neighbourhood Plan will be subject to those set out by the District Council's Supplementary Planning Document.