

Warwick District Council Local Plan 2011-2029

Proposed Modifications to the Submission Plan

Personal details:

Mrs Jacqueline Webb

Please notify me of all the subsequent stages of the Local Plan

Modification : Allocation of land north of Milverton for development.

Mod. Number: 14

Paragraph no: Policy DS15

Mod. Policies Map Number: H44

Dear Sir

I wish to make the following representation to the above proposed modification no.14 to the Submission Plan as I consider that Warwick District Council has failed to consider objectively the suitability of the site north of Milverton for proposed development which includes a potential Park & Ride and Railway station as well as Community facilities and Employment land.

Therefore Modification No. 14 is unsound because it is not Justified, Effective or Consistent with National Policy.

The detailed transport assessment carried out on behalf of Warwickshire County Council and Warwick District Council identifies the most appropriate location for a Park & Ride Scheme south of Leamington adjacent to the M40 and the A46 serving Leamington and Warwick.

This assessment is compatible with that produced by the Department of Transport when considering the route of the M40 in the late 70s/early 80s and the prospect of future development in the M40 corridor south of Banbury, Leamington, Warwick, Coventry and Solihull.. At that time, the A46 was upgraded to a strategic route to supplement the traffic movements to and from the M40. Since then development has been slow but in recent years the full potential of development straddling the M40 corridor is now being exploited.

The anticipated development in the M40 corridor some 40 years ago, included both a Park & Ride (based close to Junction 15) and a potential new Railway Station as it was anticipated that Leamington Station would not be able to cope with increased demand in the future. Since that time, the only effective established Park & Ride scheme is on the periphery of Oxford and is successful due to the extreme lack of City Centre parking.

Siting a Park & Ride on land north of Milverton based on traffic usage of the A46 and A452 would be unsustainable since it would be:

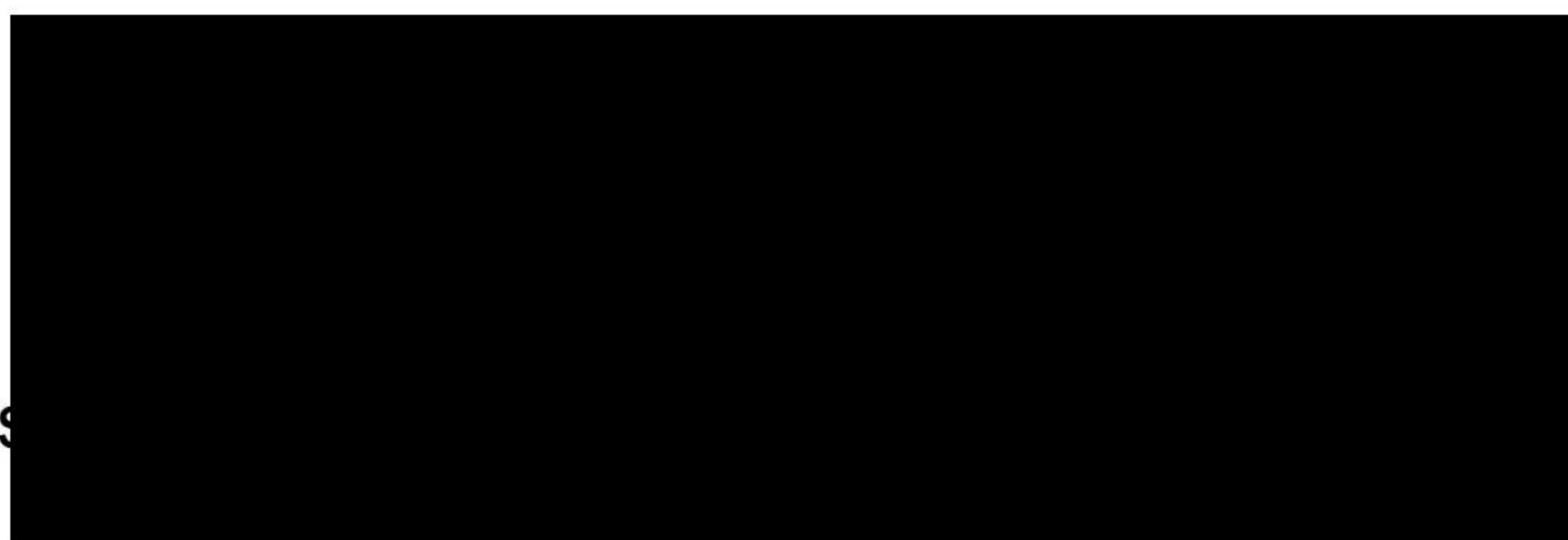
- Too close to Leamington to deter motorists from parking in and around the town centre
- Shoppers would be unlikely to use the Park & Ride because they either live locally or would park within the town centre or would park and shop at out of town retail centres.
- Leamington is no longer a regional shopping centre nor a valued tourist attraction so the Park & Ride would not be viable at weekends.
- Much of the traffic using the A452 crosses to the south of Leamington & Warwick where there are major employers.

Similarly siting a railway station north of Milverton would be unviable since it would only be linked to one of the two rail routes which run through Leamington – (previously the LMS line) which runs through Leamington to Coventry. It would not serve the previous GWR line which runs through Leamington, Warwick and on to Birmingham.

In the Detailed Traffic Assessment Report, the recommendation is for the main station to remain as the railhead in its current location in Leamington Spa.

I therefore consider that for Modification No.14 to become sound a rail station serving both of the rail routes should be developed south of Leamington along the current rail line between Leamington and Banbury in the M40 corridor in order to gain maximum viability. If such a proposal was considered viable then this could jointly be developed with a Park and Ride scheme.

I understand that all comments submitted will be considered in line with this consultation and that my comments will be publicly available and may be identifiable
With my name

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Date : 17 April 2016