

Consultation on Proposed Modifications (2016) Response Form

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Please use this form if you wish to support or object to the Proposed Modifications

This form has two parts:

Part A – Personal Details

Part B – Your Representations

If your comments relate to more than one proposed Modification you will need to complete a separate Part B of this form for each representation.

This form may be photocopied or alternatively extra forms can be obtained from the Council's offices or places where the Modifications have been made available (see the table below). You can also respond online using the Council's e Consultation System, visit: www.warwickdc.gov.uk/newlocalplan

Please provide your contact details so that we can get in touch with you regarding your representation(s) during the examination period. Your comments (including contact details) cannot be treated as confidential because the Council is required to make them available for public inspection. If your address details change, please inform us in writing. You may withdraw your objection at any time by writing to Warwick District Council, address below.

All forms should be returned by 4.45pm on Friday 22 April 2016

To return this form, please deliver by hand or post to: Development Policy Manager, Development Services, Warwick District Council, Riverside House, Milverton Hill, Leamington Spa, CV32 5QH or [email: newlocalplan@warwickdc.gov.uk](mailto:newlocalplan@warwickdc.gov.uk)

Where to see copies of the documents:

Copies of the proposed Modifications, updated Sustainability Appraisal and all supporting documents are available for inspection on the Council's web site at www.warwickdc.gov.uk/newlocalplan and also at the following locations:

- Warwick District Council Offices, Riverside House, Milverton Hill, Royal Leamington Spa;
- Leamington Town Hall, Parade, Royal Leamington Spa
- Warwickshire Direct Whitnash, Whitnash Library, Franklin Road, Whitnash
- Leamington Spa Library, The Pump Rooms, Parade, Royal Leamington Spa
- Warwickshire Direct Warwick, Shire Hall, Market Square, Warwick
- Warwickshire Direct Kenilworth, Kenilworth Library, Smalley Place, Kenilworth
- Warwickshire Direct Lillington, Lillington Library, Valley Road, Royal Leamington Spa
- Brunswick Healthy Living Centre 98-100 Shrubland Street, Royal Leamington Spa
- Finham Community Library, Finham Green Rd, Finham, Coventry, CV3 6EP

Part A - Personal Details

	1. Personal Details*	2. Agent's Details (if applicable)
	* If an agent is appointed, please complete only the Title, Name and Organisation boxes below but complete the full contact details of the agent in section 2.	
Title	Cllr	
First Name	George	
Last Name	Illingworth	
Job Title (where relevant)		
Organisation (where relevant)	Warwick District Council	
Address Line 1		
Address Line 2		
Address Line 3		
Address Line 4		
Postcode		
Telephone number		
Email address		

3. Notification of subsequent stages of the Local Plan		
Please specify whether you wish to be notified of any of the following:		
The submission of the Modifications to the appointed Inspector	Yes	No
Publication of the recommendations of any person appointed to carry out an independent examination of the Local Plan	Yes	No
The adoption of the Local Plan.	Yes	No

Part B - Your Representations

Please note: this section will need to be completed for each representation you make

4. To which proposed Modification to the Submission Plan or the updated Sustainability Appraisal (SA) does this representation relate?

Modification or SA:	Policy DS 19 Green Belt
Mod. Number:	16
Paragraph Number	2.81
Mod. Policies Map Number:	35

5. Do you consider the Local Plan is :

5.1 Legally Compliant?	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
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5.2 Sound?	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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6. If you answered no to question 5.2, do you consider the Proposed Modification is unsound because it is not:

(Please tick)

Positively Prepared:	<input type="checkbox"/>
Justified:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Effective:	<input type="checkbox"/>
Consistent with National Policy:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

7. Please give details of why you consider the Proposed Modifications to the Submission Warwick District Local Plan are not legally compliant or are unsound. Please be as precise as possible. If you wish to support the legal compliance or soundness of the Proposed Modifications, please also use this box to set out your comments.

It is proposed to remove land at Westwood Heath Road (H42) from the Green Belt so that it can be allocated for housing.

This land forms a key part of the West Midlands Green Belt which since being established has very effectively fulfilled four of its intended purposes by checking the sprawl of Coventry, preventing merging between Coventry and Kenilworth, safeguarding the encroachment of open agricultural countryside and assisting with urban regeneration. Indeed in Mod 20 the Policy DS New 1 f) states “The Green Belt between Coventry and Kenilworth should be protected.”

The current boundary of the Green Belt is defined by the County boundary and identified physically by the clearly recognisable and permanent line of Westwood Heath Road. Development within Coventry in the last few years has filled in the land on that side resulting in a rather hard but obviously defined edge to the City.

Nearby it is proposed to remove the village of Burton Green from being washed over by the Green Belt and the new boundary is in that case clearly defined by the back boundaries of the gardens of the houses.

In contrast the proposed area for removal, designated H42, would result in a complex and illogical Green Belt boundary based apparently on field boundaries which are neither obvious boundaries nor permanent. Indeed standing on the ground it is quite difficult to relate the map to the ground and readily identify the proposed new boundaries.

This illogical and confusing definition of the area for removal will result in the potential for future creep of the Green Belt and therefore threatens the permanence of the new boundary defeating the purposes for which this particular Green Belt was originally established. The threat will be enhanced by the construction of the railway line HS2 through the Green Belt to the South.

I therefore consider that the exceptional circumstances required to amend the existing boundaries do not exist for this particular area.

Continue on a separate sheet if necessary

8. Please set out what change(s) you consider necessary to make the Proposed Modifications to the Submission Warwick District Local Plan legally compliant or sound, having regard to the test you have identified at Question 5 above where this relates to soundness. You will need to say why this change will make the Local Plan/Sustainability Appraisal legally compliant or sound. It will be helpful if you are able to put forward your suggested revised wording of any policy or text. Please be as precise as possible.

The area at Westwood Heath Road identified as H42 and subsequently the safeguarded area on Westwood Heath Road identified as S2 should not be removed from the Green Belt and should therefore not be allocated for development. This will result in compliance with an appropriate strategy and the relevant paragraphs of the NPPF.

The 420 houses displaced could be allocated to the well-defined but under-utilised King’s Hill area H43 or even lost from the current surplus provision in the total figures.

This change will require relevant deletions and amendments to Policy DS15, DS19, Policies Map 35, Policy DS New 1, New paragraph 1.6, Policy DS New 2, Appendix B H42, Appendix B 2.54 and Appendix C New Policies Map 35.

Continue on a separate sheet if necessary

Please note your representation should cover succinctly all the information, evidence and supporting information necessary to support/justify the representation and the suggested changes, as there will not normally be a subsequent opportunity to make further representations. Further submissions will be only at the request of the Inspector, based on the matters and issues he/she identifies for examination.

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If your representation is seeking a change, do you consider it necessary to participate at the oral part of the examination?

No, I do not wish to participate at the oral examination

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Yes, I wish to participate at the oral examination

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10.

If you wish to participate at the oral part of the examination, please outline why you consider this to be necessary:

Continue on a separate sheet if necessary

Please note: This written representation carries the same weight and will be subject to the same scrutiny as oral representations. The Inspector will determine the most appropriate procedure to adopt to hear those who have indicated that they wish to participate at the oral part of the examination.

11.

Declaration

I understand that all comments submitted will be considered in line with this consultation, and that my comments will be made publicly available and may be identifiable to my name/organisation.

Signed:

G R Illingworth

Date:

21st April 2016

Copies of all the comments and supporting representations will be made available for others to see at the Council’s offices at Riverside House and online via the Council’s e-consultation system. Please note that all comments on the Local Plan are in the public domain and the Council cannot accept confidential objections. The information will be held on a database and used to assist with the preparation of the new Local Plan and with consideration of planning applications in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998.