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RESPONSE



Consultation on Proposed Modifications (2016) Response Form

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Person ID	
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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

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	Dr	
First Name	Martin	
Last Name	Davis	
Job Title (where relevant)		
Organisation (where relevant)		
Address Line 1	[REDACTED]	
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

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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:

Removal of land north of Milverton from the green belt

Mod. Number:

16

Paragraph Number

2.81

Mod. Policies Map Number:

H44

5. Do you consider the Local Plan is :

5.1 Legally Compliant?

Yes No

5.2 Sound?

Yes No

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:

Justified:

Effective:

Consistent with National Policy:

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Sections 7 and 8

Although I would not be so dogmatic as to oppose the loss of greenbelt land for residential and commercial purposes in absolutely any context this should only be undertaken in *exceptional* circumstances, as the National Framework requires. The proposed development is to meet Coventry housing needs so the logic is to locate development on the edges of Coventry, not least due to the fact that many of the new residents would wish to commute to Coventry. Areas of lower green belt value have already been assessed jointly by WDC and Coventry City Council for possible development.

The Green Belt in North Leamington is of particular importance both in preserving the separate characters of Leamington and Kenilworth and in enabling leisure pursuits such as walking, including dog walking, running and cycling for local residents. There is only a limited open publicly accessible space in this part of Leamington and the proposals in the preferred option would greatly reduce this. The proposal would also lead to the loss of high quality farm land.

- These proposals will very significantly accelerate a drift towards urban sprawl and is therefore in contravention of the principles of the National Planning Framework. This rejects proposals urban sprawl and certainly is not justified by any exceptional circumstances. Moreover it was as relatively recent as 2009 in the core strategy that this area was stated in the district plan to be greenbelt which it was vital to preserve.. This proposal therefore goes against the whole principle of the Green Belt as developed since the 1940s.
- some of the new proposals verge on the bizarre. Park and Ride schemes can work in exceptional circumstances, for example Oxford, which I have used ,where there are very great visitor pressures as well as commuters. But the proposals for Park and Ride in North Leamington are ill thought out. To work at all it would need regular timetabled buses , as happens in the Oxford scheme. However demand for this would be insufficient as most commuters would simply drive straight into Leamington and ignore the park and ride and use the car parks there. If these proved insufficient this would then lead to greatly increased daytime parking along roads in North Leamington, much as did happen in parts of north Oxford between the central area and Summertown. A timetabled park and ride scheme in these circumstances would not be viable
- increased traffic near to the line of the A 452 and A46, arising from the proposed development, will simply further accelerate the erosion of the Green Belt between Leamington and Kenilworth.. It would also destroy the surviving rural character of Old Milverton. This would over a relatively short time lead to Leamington, Old Milverton and Blackdown joining up with Kenilworth a very large conurbation.
- Nor particularly does the proposal address the key issue which is the movement of people from North Leamington to work in the major industrial estates all on the south side of Leamington. Major development of the northern side of Leamington would in fact worsen traffic pressure particularly at peak hours which flow through Leamington

from north to south and would increase pollution levels and reduce safety in the central area.

- We already have Leamington and Warwick running into each other with all the attendant traffic problems, deriving from a time before proper planning was in place. With hindsight this ought to have been avoided. With future sight we must not let this happen in north and central Leamington, eventually joining Kenilworth..
- It is worth stressing in terms of commuting and development many of the major industrial centres and attendant employment opportunities are very much in South Leamington. The value of allocating residential development there is that it would reduce commuting pressures, given its proximity to an M40 access point . This is much more sound than these proposals.
- In order for Modifications 16 and 14 to become sound the Land North of Milverton should remain in the Green Belt
- The development proposed on the land north of Milverton should be reallocated to alternative sites closer to Coventry which would have a lowered “Green Belt” value and could provide the required housing

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:	Allocation of land north of Milverton for development
Mod. Number:	14
Paragraph Number	Policy D515
Mod. Policies Map Number:	H44

5. Do you consider the Local Plan is :

5.1 Legally Compliant?

Yes No

5.2 Sound?

Yes No

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"/>
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9. 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

Yes, I wish to participate at the oral examination

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:

Date:

21 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.

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