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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	MR	
First Name	LOUIS	
Last Name	SKIFFINGTON	
Job Title (where relevant)		
Organisation (where relevant)		
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

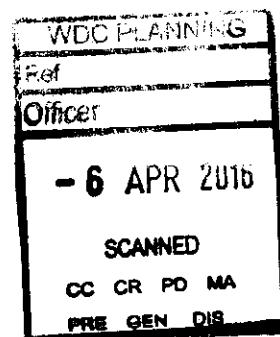
The adoption of the Local Plan

Yes No

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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 LANDS NORTH OF MILVERTON FROM GREEN BELT
Mod. Number: 16
Paragraph Number: 2.81
Mod. Policies Map Number: H 44

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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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.

1. 'EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES' NOT DEMONSTRATED
2. OTHER BROWNFIELD SITES IN LEAMINGTON NEED TO BE EXPLORED
3. SUSTAINABLE SITES IN AND AROUND COVENTRY, NUNCEATON AND BEDWORTH NEED TO BE EXAMINED
4. INCREASE IN URBAN SPRAWL AND SUBSEQUENT BREAKDOWN OF GREEN BUNG BETWEEN LEAMINGTON AND KENILWORTH
5. LOSS OF FARMING LAND, WILDLIFE HABITATS
6. LOSS TO RESIDENTS OF VALUABLE AMENITY
7. LACK OF THOUGHT AND PLANNING IN RELATION TO THE (USED) PARK AND RISE SCHEME.

Continue on a separate sheet if necessary SEE ATTACHED SHEET

8. Please set out what changes you consider necessary to make the Proposed Modifications to the Submission Warwick District Local Plan legally compliant and sound, having regard to the list you have identified at Question 5 above where this relates to soundness. You will need to say why the 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.

LAND NORTH OF MILVERTON SHOULD REMAIN IN THE GREEN BELT AND RE-ALLOTTED TO ALTERNATIVE SITES CLOSER TO COVENTRY

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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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:

03/04/2016

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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L. Skiffington



03/04/2016

Comments re: Modifications 16 and 14

Modification: Allocation of land north of Milverton for development

Modification no. 14

Paragraph no. Policy DS15

Mod.Policies map no. H44

Modification: Removal of land north of Milverton from the green belt

Modification no. 16

Paragraph no. 2.81

Mod. Policies map no. H44

I am deeply concerned by the above proposals, it is our duty to be responsible, custodial managers of the green belt, in other words to protect it for future generations. If the above developments were to proceed, the loss would be enormous. The environment would suffer irreversible damage, the character of Leamington and its size would alter dramatically, there would be a huge impact on wildlife and the extra traffic would create immense problems and diminish the quality of life of present residents.

Green belt legislation was put in place to prevent urban sprawl, by retaining it, we reduce our environmental impact and the necessity to put in place more infrastructure. Green belt land is an amenity which enriches our lives, it is not there for the convenience of large housebuilders seeking to maximise their profits. Once the integrity of green belts has been smashed it could be the beginning of a land rush where builders and individuals would be able to buy up tracts of land on the basis that they may become valuable at some time in the future, this has already happened with large builders buying land on the edges of towns, 'land banking' as it is known. In spite of the Prime Minister insisting that the importance of green belt is 'paramount' the number of planning approvals for houses in the green belt continues to rise, in 2009/10 there were 2258, in 2013/14 there were 5607 and in 2015 there were 11907, the figures speak for themselves. If this trend continues we will witness the complete erosion of our countryside which has a specific role to play in terms of

wildlife habitats, carbon capture, food production and the prevention of flooding. We will also destroy our sense of wellbeing in seeing and knowing that the countryside is there.

Governments and all politicians have a duty to preserve our countryside but that takes a sense of moral purpose and integrity. It is their duty to regenerate every possible brownfield site within towns and I believe there are many, though builders prefer not to touch them as it erodes their profit margins.

Economic growth does not constitute an exceptional case for the development of green belt areas.

It seems to me that an exceptional case has not been made. Coventry Council must look closer to home for more sustainable sites, and I cannot see that building north of Leamington will satisfy their housing problems.

With global warming and environmental problems we cannot afford to lose valuable farming land and wildlife habitats.