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Hello,

I would like to make the following points in relation to this consultation:

Overall, I support the proposals in the consultation document, bearing in mind that, as I understand it, Leamington Spa is an area of high CO2 emissions. There appear to be some potential 'exemptions' in the consultation document which allow the continuation of fossil fuel uses for developers where alternatives are not considered 'viable'. I think the Council should be **rigorous** in allowing any such exemptions; otherwise, developers will continue to use the cheapest energy installations, irrespective of the emissions.

It is pity that these sorts of considerations were apparently not taken into consideration in the housing developments along and south of Europa Way. So far as I can tell from my research, that housing does not meet any future sustainable environmental standards, and, of course, the developments have sadly led to the destruction of many mature trees along Europa Way and surrounding roads.

The Net Zero Development Plan relates specifically to buildings, but it should be coordinated with plans for the reduction of emissions from transport/cars etc, which (as per an on-line meeting a few months ago) I believe are the subject of future planning from the County Council. Particular points are:

1. There should be 'Park & Ride' facilities to discourage car traffic from the Leamington Spa town centre; I understand that this is already under consideration.
2. The installation of electric car charging points in both streets and car parks is vital to future encouragement of the use of electric cars and the consequent reduction of emissions.
3. The recent COVID related pedestrianisation of The Parade in Leamington seems to have been well regarded, and it was a shame to see it opened up again to traffic after the Government's 19/7 'freedom day'. Since, previously, there was already limited traffic access on to or off The Parade, and very small amounts of traffic seemed to use it, and it is not a designated A or B road, there seems to be a strong argument to continue the pedestrianisation in the future, (with allowance for disabled access and possibly, bus turning circles at either end), which would contribute to the reduction of emissions in the town centre.
4. Further 'traffic calming' measures are needed around the town to constrain emissions - particularly on Willes Road, Newbold Terrace East, and the A452 to the west of the town.
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Thank you,

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