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**WARWICK DISTRICT COUNCIL,
PLANNING AND PREFERRED OPTIONS**

24th July 2012

Dear Sir/Madam,

Proposed Development - Kenilworth

Prior to the final decisions regarding the development in Kenilworth we wish to express our concerns

The environmental impact of any further development in the preferred locations will be massive and have a devastating impact on wildlife and the historic heritage of Thickthorn and I trust that these considerations will be discussed at great length prior to final decision making.

It has already been noted that the increase in road traffic is likely to create a huge logistical problem and we are greatly concerned that this is insoluble in the proposed development area.

Located as we are in Thickthorn Orchards there are long build ups of traffic entering and exiting the A46 at peak periods and also at several times of the day traffic is backed up from the St Johns gyratory well into Birches Lane.

We regularly walk through the managed woodland adjacent to 'The Wardens Cricket grounds' and the Rugby Club 'Cow Patch'. This walkway lends itself to be continued back along Birches Lane , to the rear of all the properties that back onto the 'preferred option Thickthorn site,towards the Leamington Road.

This route could be developed to create the 'Buffer Zone' for the houses and bungalows that back onto the preferred option site ,thereby constructing the all important 'CORRIDOR' between building,that wild life and people need to obey the criteria for the desired ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES.

If planted with 'Species Natural to Britain' this would facilitate more criteria,as would planting to encourage pollinators such as butterflies, moths and bees.

This Buffer Zone,obviously will form a shield from the noise and dust pollution,for our homes,when the building starts,and should be formed sooner than later.

Funding for this should form part of the 'Community Infrastructure Levy Scheme' Whilst applying for planning permission to alter our house,it was proven by one of your Ecology Team ,that there is a Bat Migration Route,running alongside the hedgerow of our homes,between Thickthorn Woods and Bullimore Woods.

We have also witnessed a huge variety of birds nesting this year including 2 species of woodpeckers, buzzards,small deer and other interesting species.

A dead badger on the road proved their presence near Thickthorn Woods.

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We also feel very strongly that the 'Wardens Cricket Club' should not be moved. It could take in the Rugby Clubs 'Cow Patch', in order to offer more sporting facilities, this side of Kenilworth. Also it would then create Rocky Lane as a natural cut-off point for development.

In April of this year we also witnessed the abandoning of the travelers fair when the ground became waterlogged and tractors were needed to remove many vehicles. We would therefore suggest that extra consideration is given to the flooding issue in this area. We regularly walk our dog down Rocky Lane into Thickthorn Woods and witness flooding of the brook which runs through it, possibly down to the River Avon at Stoneleigh. We stress the importance of maintaining this source of water for wild life and natural drainage. It can all be termed 'an area of natural beauty', and certainly one to be enhanced, rather than encroached upon.

Whilst we do not oppose development absolutely, we trust that the above considerations will be considered and made reference to.

Yours faithfully,

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