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Dear Sir/Madam,

I wish to respond to the Local Plan Preferred Options Summary. The paragraphs listed refer to the booklet, although I have read the full version.

PO1 Level of Growth

It is my understanding that during the last 12 years Warwick has undergone a large increase in population, indeed 12% since 2000, which is approximately twice the rate of increase for Warwickshire and twice the national average, and indeed three times the increase for the West Midlands. I would therefore strongly question the need for this level of growth and object to it.

PO3 Broad Location of Growth and PO 14 Transport

I object to the urban fringe development of sites 2 and 3. As no doubt you are aware Warwick has geographical limitations because of the river and the historical centre. Traffic from the Myton Road area is funnelled onto the Banbury Road Bridge and through the constricted town centre. The Preferred Options would necessitate that perhaps an extra thousand cars per day would need to cross Warwick in order to reach the A46. As someone who lives and works in Warwick and takes the children to school in Warwick, I foresee massive irresolvable problems with traffic by increasing the number of cars on roads which cannot be improved or widened.

I object to the proposed development of zone 2 with relation to traffic on Myton Road. Myton Crescent is impassable for half an hour at the beginning and again at the end of the day due to Myton school traffic. Similarly, the Banbury Road end of Myton Road suffers in the same way when Warwick Preparatory School and Warwick Senior School begin and end.

If new employment is being created in Coventry and Gaydon, surely the sustainable planning option would be to build dwellings there? Alternatively, local villages where there are good transport links and the potential to improve road access should be developed, rather than the urban fringe development of Warwick. Hatton has a station and easy access to the A46 and Barford has immediate access to the M40 and A46.

PO11 Historic Environment PO15 Green Infrastructure

I object specifically to the development of zone 2, the area west of Europa Way. It was designated an area of restraint when building work on the Technology Park took place. The notion that the Myton

area will be some sort of 'garden suburb' seems to be nonsense when you look at the number of buildings proposed and the impact on the environment.

PO12 Climate Change

I try to walk my children to school when I can and I am horrified by the discovery that the entirety of Warwick town centre road network is in breach of Nitrogen Dioxide levels. This problem has been in existence long before the Preferred Options have been set out (Warwick District Air Quality Action Plan 2008), and remains in breach of these regulations in May 2012. I object to the increased public health risk which adding more cars to the centre of Warwick at peak times will certainly contribute to.

I conclude by quoting your statement 'Your Views Matter'. I remember that approximately 3 years ago the Council received a large number of objections to plans which were very similar, and there was an enormous number of objections received about development zone 2.

Yours faithfully

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