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Dear Sir,

I wish to object to the plan to build 2700 new homes on the land between Myton Road cycle track & Europa Way. (ref. 104 Distribution for Sites for Housing: Location 2+3)

This ill conceived idea has reared its ugly head on numerous occasions & each time the council planners have listened to objections & come to a reasoned decision to abandon the plan. All of these arguments are still relevant so if they were sufficient reason not to build then, why are they not so now?

Additionally the level of population increase in and around Warwick far exceeds the National Average which can only exacerbate these problems. The original arguments are therefore more relevant now than then. And yet, our councillors in their "wisdom" choose to ignore them.

Where will the children from 2700 homes go to school? To the oversubscribed Myton School or to tiny Campion School? How will the NHS cope? Are there plans to employ more GP's and NHS dentists? Will NHS

wasting lists simply lengthen in these times of austerity? What of the distinctive nature of Warwick & Leamington which makes both towns a pleasure to live in and a joy for visitors? Will they still come to visit a congested urban sprawl?

The Myton Road is already heavily congested as people attempt to make their way to and from work, and parents take a fetch their children from the three schools in the road. Additional traffic problems arise as people try to access Shires Retail Park, often coming to a standstill round the island. A new site is already under construction on the old Ford site which will no doubt aggravate the situation. Do visitors really want to attempt to battle their way through traffic, often at a standstill already, just to visit an urban sprawl? More to the point, how long will residents want to continue to do so? If this plan goes ahead it won't be long before residents vote with their feet and leave the area leaving a town centre in decline with boarded up shops.

How will the emergency services cope? There are only 2 ways to cross the river; by a bridge in Warwick or a bridge in Leamington and then they would hit the traffic. Residents of Myton Road are already woken by sirens up & down Europa Way both day & night. Any more would be unacceptable. Relocating the fire service would not solve the problem as it would then be faced with crossing the Leam in the opposite direction.

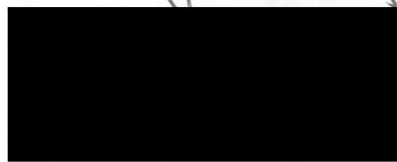
Building houses may create jobs, but once these houses are built what happens to these workers and their families? Will they move on to seek work elsewhere, leaving empty houses, or are the beleaguered residents of Warwick expected to support these unemployed builders and their families through their rates and taxes.

I would appreciate a reply that addresses these issues rather than a standard blanket response. At least then I will know that my letter has been read.

I would urge the council planners to reconsider. The people of Warwick have done our bit. We have already expanded.

Enough is enough!

Yours faithfully



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