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Preferred Options Response Form

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Please use this form if you wish to support or object to the Preferred Options version of the new Local Plan.

If you are commenting on multiple sections of the document you will need to complete a separate copy of Part B of this form for each representation.

This form may be photocopied or, alternatively, extra forms can be obtained from the Council's offices or places where the plan has been made available for members of the public. You can also respond online using the LDF Consultation System, visit: www.warwickdc.gov.uk/newlocalplan

Part A - Personal Details

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Would you like to be made aware of future consultations on the new Local Plan?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
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Part B - Commenting on the Preferred Options

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Sheet of

Which document are you responding to?

e.g. Preferred Options (Booklet) Preferred Options (Full Version)

PREFERRED OPTIONS BOOKLET

Which part of the document are you responding to?

Preferred Option Box (e.g. PO1)

PO4 - DISTRIBUTION OF SITES/HOUSING
PO16 - GREEN BELT

Paragraph number / Heading / Subheading (if relevant)

Map (e.g. Preferred Development Sites - Whole District)

4 - YES

What is the nature of your representation?

Support

Object

Please set out full details of your objection or representation of support. If objecting, please set out what changes could be made to resolve your objection (Use a separate sheet if necessary).

I believe that the District Council is taking the easy option when they proposed building on Green Belt land which for years has been carefully protected against development.

The government is in agreement with other world leaders in discussing how the world's population, this year peaking at **seven** billion and by 2050, **nine** billion will be able to be fed.

It is vitally important that green belt land is retained at all costs for agriculture and a lot of the proposed green belt development land is at present under cultivation.

Warwick District Council has not demonstrated the exceptional circumstances necessary to build on green belt land as specified by the NPPF.

The Council states that if there is insufficient suitable and available sites outside the green belt there is justification to build on Green Belt land.

Apparently the Council has already identified available land to the south of Leamington but these have not been included in the Preferred Option sites. Why?

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PO7 GYPSIES + TRAVELLERS

Paragraph number / Heading / Subheading (if relevant)

Map (e.g. Preferred Development Sites - Whole District)

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It is very interesting to note that on your website with regard to Gypsies and Travellers it states that any proposed sites should not impinge on Green Belt areas.

It may be the government's intention that this group of people should be catered for with special sites. However, in recent years these groups of people have caused local amenities to be shut and local shopkeepers threatened by disruptive behaviour and theft.

Last year a group of travellers 'invaded' the parking area next to the river in Warwick and caused extensive damage to the environment and dumped rubbish which the local tax payers had to pay to put right. The travellers were eventually evicted with a court order - more expence for the District Council and tax payers.

I note that there is no mention of proposed sites in your proposals.

If a site was found for these people and presumably amenities built on the site would the Gypsies and Travellers pay for the privilege of using the site?

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PO1 - LEVEL OF GROWTH

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It is very difficult to know how the District Council has arrived at the figures for building new houses from 2014 until 2029.

On the one hand, in the literature, an average of 555 homes per year need to be built over a fifteen year period which totals 8325.

In other parts of the proposals, on your website, a figure of 1294 per annum is proposed which would give a figure of 19,410, Which is correct?

I suspect that the need for some new housing whilst obviously still required, will be at a much lower level due to the current financial situation across the whole of the country. The housing market is in a state of flux and large numbers of houses have been and are continuing to be built only seven miles away in Coventry. Growth is flat and prime minister Cameron has said in the last few days that the austerity programme could well last for 20 years.

There must also be houses which are empty and houses in need of modernisation which could either be brought up to standard or demolished and new affordable houses built on the site. This would all help to reduce the need for building on greenfield sites.

Based upon the facts above I believe that the District Council needs to revisit the whole of the area growth level and the proposed building programme. The council must not rely on past projections from a period of growth very different to the present scenario.

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PO 14 - TRANSPORT

Paragraph number / Heading / Subheading (if relevant)

Map (e.g. Preferred Development Sites - Whole District)

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In your Preferred Options booklet you admit that levels of traffic congestion are going to increase as a result of new developments.

In PO4 you are proposing that from 2014 - 2029, 7500 houses will be built across Leamington

If we disregard 10% as being non car owners, that would mean 6750 home owners would have cars, plus, for the purposes of this exercise, 33% would have more than one car.

This would mean that the car population could well be in excess of 9000 extra vehicles on Warwick District roads if you factor in existing households increasing their ownership of cars per household.

In the transport section (page 17) you list a range of ideas to mitigate congestion in the future but nowhere is there commitment to increase parking facilities in Leamington and Warwick.

As Mary Portas said in her report to government 'The high streets in towns and cities across the country are dying with business collapsing and lots of empty shops' - and Leamington is no different.

Parking in Leamington is already at a premium and if parking in Leamington is not improved substantially - shoppers will stay away or shop out of town.

In your booklet Garden Towns Villages and Suburbs it is proposed that a mixture of houses with on-street parking is built. Looking at the illustrations in the book this approach will not provide enough parking and will increase congestion locally. It really is necessary to enable vehicles to be parked off the road otherwise this will

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lead to problems for refuse collection and emergency vehicles and cars trying to pass on narrow roads as can be seen every day in parts of Leamington.

You are also proposing to build a Northern Leamington Relief road which would ruin the hamlet of Old Milverton and cause extensive damage to the Green Belt and destroy more agricultural land.

As the estimated cost for this Relief road is £28million this would divert resources from other public investment which we need now.

There is also the potential traffic problem areas of proposed housing, sites 4 and 5 on your map.

Leicester Lane is already a very busy main road from the M1/ M45 into Leamington plus heavy traffic feeding onto it from the Cubbington area and beyond.

The potential extra traffic from almost 2000 houses in the immediate vicinity would cause extreme congestion at the traffic islands and for existing houses and residents.

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Guidance on Making Representations

- Please use the attached response form as it will help the Council to keep accurate and consistent records of all the comments on the Plan, alternatively complete online at www.warwickdc.gov.uk/newlocalplan
- If you wish to make comments on more than one aspect of the Plan, please use a separate copy of Part B of this form for each
- You may withdraw your objection at any time by writing to Warwick District Council, address below
- It is important that you include your name and address as anonymous forms cannot be accepted. If your address details change, please inform us in writing.
- All forms should be received by **4.45pm on Friday 27th July 2012.**
- Copies of all the objections 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.
- To return this form please drop off at one of the locations below, or post to: **Development Policy Manager, Development Services, Warwick District Council, Riverside House, Milverton Hill, Leamington Spa, CV32 5QH** or email: newlocalplan@warwickdc.gov.uk

Where to See Copies of the Plan

Copies of the Plan are available for inspection on the Council's web site at www.warwickdc.gov.uk/newlocalplan and at the following locations.

Location	Opening Times
Warwick District Council Offices Riverside House, Milverton Hill, Royal Leamington Spa	Mon - Thurs 8.45am - 5.15pm Fri 8.45am - 4.45pm
Leamington Town Hall Parade, Royal Leamington Spa	Mon - Thurs 8.45am - 5.15pm Fri 8.45am - 4.45pm
Warwickshire Direct Whitnash Whitnash Library, Franklin Road, Whitnash	Mon - Weds 10.30am - 5.00pm Thurs Closed Fri 10.30am - 4.00pm Sat 10.30am - 1.30pm
Leamington Spa Library The Pump Rooms, Parade, Royal Leamington Spa	Mon - Weds 9.30am - 6.00pm Thurs 10.00am - 7.00pm Fri 9.30am - 6.00pm Sat 9.30am - 4.30pm Sun 12.00am - 4.00pm
Warwickshire Direct Warwick Shire Hall, Market Square, Warwick	Mon to Thurs 8.00am - 5.30pm Fri 8.00am - 5.00pm Sat 9.00am - 4.00pm
Warwickshire Direct Kenilworth Kenilworth Library, Smalley Place, Kenilworth	Mon and Tues 9.00am - 5.30pm Wed 10.30am - 5.30pm Thurs and Fri 9.00am - 5.30pm Sat 9.00am - 1.00pm
Warwickshire Direct Lillington Lillington Library, Valley Road, Royal Leamington Spa	Mon 9.30am - 12.30pm & 1.30pm - 6.00pm Tues and Fri 9.30am - 12.30pm & 1.30pm - 5.30pm Weds Closed Thurs 9.30am - 12.30pm & 1.30pm - 7.00pm Sat 9.30am - 12.30pm
Brunswick Healthy Living Centre 98-100 Shrubland Street, Royal Leamington Spa	Mon - Thurs 9.00am - 5.00pm Fri 9.00am - 4.30pm
Finham Community Library Finham Green Rd, Finham, Coventry, CV3 6EP	Mon 1.00pm - 7.00pm Tues, Thurs and Fri 9.00am - 7.00pm Sat 9.00am - 4.00pm

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