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OBJECTION TO PROPOSED HOUSING PLANS
BETWEEN THICKTHORN AND A46, KENILWORTH

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I strongly oppose the proposed building of any new houses between Thickthorn and A46 Kenilworth. Please include these reasons for my objection in your consultation.

Firstly I am disappointed, given the results of your own survey, where the majority of the respondents chose Scenario 1 (least amount of new housing) that Scenario 2 was chosen. This was especially true for Kenilworth residents where 66% of respondents opted for Scenario 1. This needs to be taken into account when considering new housing areas within the Warwick District. It is clear that the vast majority of Kenilworth residents are opposed to large scale building. Kenilworth has had many houses built within the last 30 years so any more houses built should be extremely small-scale and spread around Kenilworth; certainly not on one site.

Even with the current level of residents in Kenilworth the infrastructure is heaving. Road are especially busy adding to longer commutes to work for residents in traffic jams. Kenilworth is already the largest town in the country without a railway station. This needs to be addressed immediately and certainly before any new building takes place. The facilities in Kenilworth are also full so this would need to be addressed, before any new houses are built, too.

The area around Thickthorn is greenbelt land which is environmentally important. It is used by local families, dog walkers and nature lovers. The biodiversity

is great with even bats being spotted.

Another issue that could greatly affect Kenilworth is the threatened building of HS2. The local plan needs to take HS2 into consideration when thinking about building the proposed new homes at Thickethorn area. Both HS2 and proposed new houses will have a detrimental effect on the environment and also on the quality of life (not to forget housing prices) on those living nearby. In short this would be a "double-whammy" so the impact and exact route of HS2 (and indeed if it will go ahead) needs to be clear and only then can a full and carefully considered decision be made regarding any potential housing in this area.

The sensible option for Kenilworth would be no-growth or low growth as there are much better options available these include:

Coventry is very nearby that has plenty of affordable housing and large areas that could be developed on "brownfield land" rather than use any converted 'green belt' land. Around Coventry Airport? The sensible area that could be developed that would alleviate many issues would be to expand student accommodation at the University of Warwick. This would, in turn, leave more low-cost housing available (currently used by students) in Leamington especially. This was seen as important to Leamington residents to have more affordable houses in the Survey.

The summary of my view is that Kenilworth should not be subjected to any more building and if there is it should be in small developments (under 12) around the town and not on one site.

Yours sincerely



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