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25th July 2012-07-25 Dear Sir

We have been advised to write to you re New Objections to the Core Strategy Plan.

We wish to object to the expansion plan to build 2700 new homes in the south of Warwick .

There is likely to be considerable job creation towards Coventry. The indications are that several extra thousand people per day will want to drive through Warwick morning and evening. That would lock up the highly congested Myton Road at peak times and also the Medieval road layout of historic Warwick.

The plan has been presented to the public for consultation with a total lack of detail. There has been no plan for the infrastructure in terms of drainage, sewerage, roads, public transport, schools and hospitals.

There have been no impact studies on traffic, schools, drainage, sewerage, hospitals, employment. .

The whole basis for the homes is population growth nationally. At a time with declining birthrate in the area, the demand for new homes can not be verified. Imposing massive growth on an area with little expansion of employment would create greater numbers of people who would have to commute to work., much to the detriment of the area and a poor location of people.

We wish to see the whole plan withdrawn and not represented until it has the support of the voters in the area., and is of adequate detail.

We wish to object specifically about the development in the area of restraint to the west of Europa Way. This area had been identified as an area of restraint at the time of planning the Warwick Technology Park. It was put forward as an untouchable green buffer zone to separate Warwick from Leamington Spa, to prevent the two towns becoming one urban sprawl..

Furthermore, the land West of Europa Way (1E) is rich agricultural land which has been under the careful stewardship of the Oken Trust and Henry viii Trust. There are

also wide green hedges providing habitats for many species including woodpeckers, buzzards, bats, foxes, the occasional deer, as well as newts, hedgehogs etc.

We object to the fact that the area of restraint (1E) is one of the first to be developed under the proposals, and should with immediate effect be designated as the last site to be developed so as to protect this area until a viable alternative is found, and the potential change in government and associated policies occur.

The plan has been presented to the public with a total lack of detail or alternative development options for public consideration.

There has been no plan for the infrastructure in terms of drainage, sewerage, roads, public transport, schools and hospitals, as confirmed by councillors in the public meetings. Nor have there been impact studies on traffic, schools, drainage, sewerage, hospitals or employment. Traffic in South Warwick is already at saturation, with Myton Road being virtually impassable between 8am-9am and 4pm-6pm. There is no capacity on the roads for another 4,000 car journeys focussed on peak time. This will not only have a detrimental impact on the quality of life of current Warwick residents, but also on Warwick's capacity to bring in tourism.

In addition, development on the area of restraint threatens the local houses with flooding. At present, during heavy rain, the run off is slowed by the pasture and crops. It backs up by the Malins and is relieved into the Myton School playing fields. It has been shown that any earthworks in the area floods houses. Myton Gardens was flooded .when one development was carried out. More recently a property on Myton Crescent was flooded when building work was done at the Trinity School site. Developing the Myton side of the site would threaten all of the houses south of Myton Road .

The Schools in the area are oversubscribed. There is no capacity for extra cars etc at the stations for commuters. The hospital would require significant expansion.

We wish to see the whole plan withdrawn and an alternative presented that reflects the overwhelming opinion of the Warwick population, and that will preserve the character of Warwick as a historical county town.

Yours Sincerely

