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P.O. 9 and P.O. 10

Paragraph number / Heading / Subheading (if relevant)

RETAILING & TOWN CENTRES
BUILT ENVIRONMENT

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

Whole

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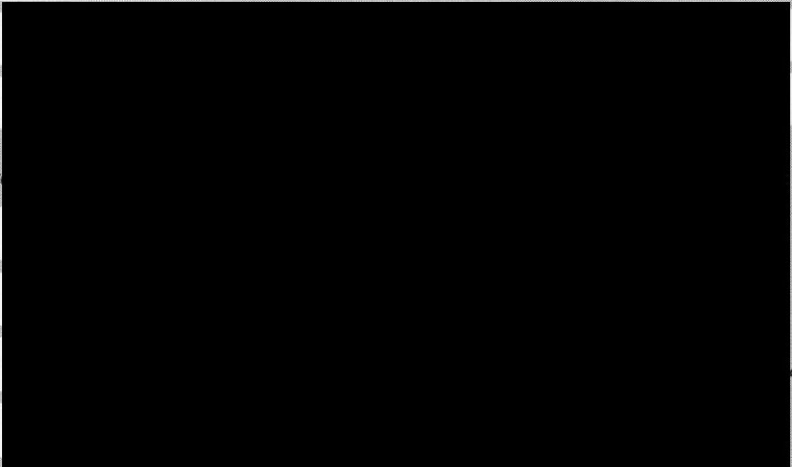
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PO 11

Paragraph number / Heading / Subheading (if relevant)

Historic Environment

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

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Historic Environment

what you say is good. The historic environment is clearly a huge visitor attraction. I feel it should be high on the agenda for Warwick to maintain itself as a historic centre and tourist attraction — maintain its beautiful old buildings and its green parks.

This really pushes strongly against the further development of Warwick. Continued growth of Warwick that places historic Warwick town at the centre of areas of suburbs, however beautifully designed, decreases the attractiveness of Warwick to visitors. So much of the Warwick economy is supported by tourists. We don't want to lose the very quality that attracts people to visit here.

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GROWING SUSTAINABLE SOLUTIONS



COMMUNITY TRANSITION FARMING *Sustaining Life through Growing Solutions*

The Background

'Sustainable Development' is the challenge of our time. Our consumption of the Earth's resources has brought us to a point where innovative change is the only option. This will be a change focused upon how we manage land to provide basic human needs of food, shelter, warmth and community in a manner that is in harmony with the natural systems of the Earth.

Priority need for the Transition Farming Model

There is a growing recognition that how we grow, distribute, store, sell and consume food makes a significant contribution to one of the greatest sustainability threats of all – climate changing greenhouse gas emissions. A major EU wide study puts the contribution of the food life cycle from seed to plate at 31% of all EU greenhouse gas emissions. 10–15% of our carbon dioxide emissions are attributed to the actual production processes, so the need for low impact healthy food production is more critical now than ever before.

Primrose Farm near Hay-on-Wye offers a solution through providing a model of effective and productive carbon neutral farming on possibly the most productive acre and a half in Europe.

"The most sustainable farming system I have ever seen. Paul Benham is from a scientific background and the systems are based on sound science and a genuine belief in sustainability."

Huw Thomas, Agri-Food Manager Welsh Assembly Government, 2007.

From this small area Paul Benham and his team produce £20,000 market garden produce annually. All is sold within 15 miles of its production, most of it within 5 miles. The farm energy audit demonstrates a highly positive carbon balance and the farm receives no subsidies. In comparison a large mechanised farm receives probably 25% of its income in direct subsidies and very high tax relief for mechanisation. In addition it only produces perhaps in order of in comparison 5% of food output per hectare and is totally reliant on abundant, cheap fossil fuel, that results in a high carbon footprint.

Designed through studying natural systems –Biomimicry

Primrose Farm is an outstanding example of people-centred low impact agriculture, with little or no reliance on intensive energy. It is a flagship for sustainable food and the model at the heart of the proposed new Centre for Sustainable Food. The farm is a holistic ecological system which operates in balance with nature. Teachings from nature have demonstrated ways to use nature's abundant renewable resources in preference to fossil fuels and other non-renewable resources of the Earth. This is an excellent example of Biomimicry, which is incorporating natural ecological models, organic methods and permaculture design principles to create a highly sustainable operational system that is intensively productive and actively supports biodiversity.



Paul studied conventional agriculture as well as organic husbandry and ecology, and has a doctorate in aspects of farm animal behaviour. Combining this solid scientific background with his direct experience of developing Primrose Farm, he is developing the Transition Farming model to demonstrate how to transform any piece of conventional pastureland into as productive an organic system as his own, within a five year plan.



Growing sustainable solutions in urban or rural situations

The beauty of the Transition Farming model lies mainly in its small size, which makes it approachable and relevant to many situations. Most communities or authorities could find an acre or two of land that could be put to community food production. The model has many parallels to successful Cuban community agriculture projects. Cuba adapted to the longstanding blockade of agricultural chemicals by switching to organic production and is now a world leader in sustainable agriculture. Typical community plots (huertas) are around 1,000 square metres and they feed millions of mouths. In some Cuban cities 80% of the food requirements are grown within the confines of the city and the Cuban model is spreading fast throughout Latin America. Transition Farming has particular relevance for urban farming situations and to the Transition Towns' movement which is investigating sustainable ways to feed the UK's urban populations in the future.

The new Centre for Sustainable Food will promote Transition Farming and sustainable food production through a variety of educational courses and practical initiatives, to a wide audience ranging from schoolchildren to businesspeople and policymakers.

Transition Farming offers the potential for a healthy planet & healthy minds, body & spirit

The therapeutic value of tending the land and experiencing Nature is well documented, and the Centre for Sustainable Food will further develop educational programmes previously existing on site. A Care Farming Initiative will be expanded, giving groups of disadvantaged members of the community the opportunity to work the land, closely tutored and supervised, and to be part of all the processes involved in bringing food sustainably from seed to plate. Care Farming has proven therapeutic benefits on many

levels, and is used by some local authorities as a way of supporting community mental health. Care Farming clients will not only gain practical growing experience, but will have the opportunity to experience working on a holding where all processes are integrated and truly sustainable, genuinely feeding body, mind and spirit.

This therapeutic value of nature and the benefit of working within sound ecological systems will appear indirectly through all education programmes. For the survival of the human race we need to learn to appreciate the inter-connectedness of all life and the supreme importance of maintaining healthy ecological systems on the planet.

The real quality of food has deteriorated in conventional production, since regular testing has shown reduction of mineral content in crops and presence of toxic chemicals. It has been demonstrated that physical and mental health and antisocial behaviour can be improved with a better diet, which would be available from a transition farming system.



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PO 13

Paragraph number / Heading / Subheading (if relevant)

Inclusive, Safe & Healthy Communities

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

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Inclusive, Safe & Healthy Communities

I support your idea to deliver community safety through appropriate design and your listed suggestions, and agree that this will help in keeping the community healthy.

However I believe it has been found that smaller communities are usually safer. As a town/city grows in size it is likely to have more violence, crime, alcoholism, drugs, etc. In small communities when people know each other, there is less likelihood of trouble.

Also smaller communities are usually healthier. Areas that are close to the countryside or that have good areas of available green space usually have less air or noise pollution and are usually less stressful to live in — such areas are on the whole healthier to live in.

Continuing to increase the size of Warwick and the eating away of more green space can only move in the direction of a town that is less healthy to live in.

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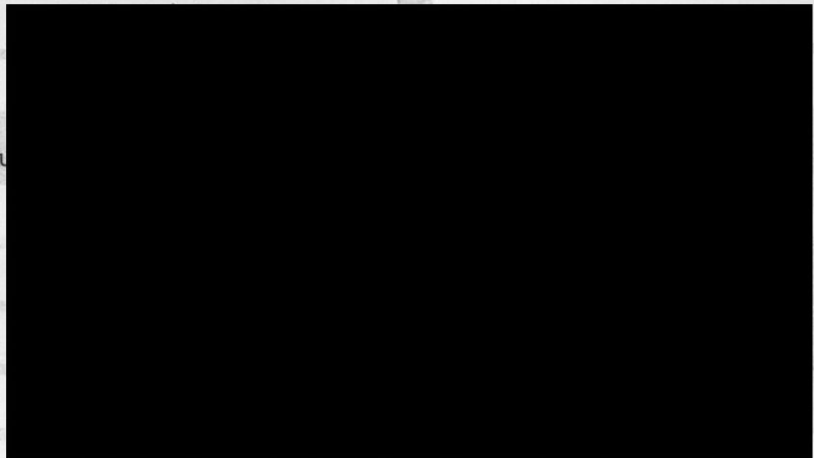
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Green infrastructure

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Support **AND** Object

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GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE

I support your intention to improve the green infrastructure and strongly value the importance of the natural & outdoor environment & the benefits for people & nature — and that we need to protect the natural environment and the existing biodiversity.

However I believe that further development in Warwick puts the above more and more at risk.

One sentence reads "New developments will also be expected to avoid impacts on existing biodiversity and to make a positive contribution to the quality of the natural and historic environment". This would be practically impossible to achieve at the same time as having the "new developments". Once a habitat has been disturbed, or isolated by making it into an "island", or if the top soil has to be removed for building, then the biodiversity is lost. It is fragile. It takes a very long time to build up soil and habitat and the bio-diversity. If the areas that surround a green area are lost, then again usually bio-diversity will fall dramatically.

SUGGESTION

** I strongly support the idea of leaving a strip of green land about 20-30 metres wide all down the side of the Banbury Rd opposite to Warwick Castle Park from the Barford corner & The Asps down to the river bridge. This would leave the present wonderful green entrance into Warwick. A strip of housing all along this road will spoil this most beautiful entrance to Warwick. This would be a similar sort of idea to the Coventry mile. If planned now it would be easy to protect this strip of green.

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