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Dear Sirs

The attached are the representations of Kenilworth All Together Greener (KATG).

The Development Brief is a lengthy detailed document and KATG have found it a challenge to consult members and draft a comprehensive response in the time scale available. An early draft of this document was circulated for comment and changes have been made to reflect comments received. We continue to refine the document but have submitted this in the timescale required by your Council.

The location of the site next to the A46 means that noise and air quality are issues that need to be addressed. We have commented on this but do not have the in-house expertise to make a detailed analysis. If this proposal is to be a high quality development then these issues must be resolved. We are not confident that enough resource is being devoted to this, particularly in light of the comment in the Planning Statement forming part of the Catesby Planning Application (W18/1635),

"The predicted noise levels throughout the majority of the site's proposed garden areas would likely meet the WHO noise criteria for outdoor living areas, assuming the garden areas would have intervening buildings and garage blocks in front. In this case, it is likely the outdoor garden areas would not exceed the upper BS 8233 criteria of 55 dB(A)." (para 5.4.12).

This raises the question why is this progressing when it is only 'likely' that WHO standards will be met? Surely this should be resolved now before development commences?

We also feel this is a missed opportunity to develop a more challenging brief that looks to the future with climate change as the major concern. In relation to design there are references to the need to "Incorporate building materials and features that are characteristic of the local vernacular"(page 118) and "Respect the architecture and building materials of the local vernacular" (page 120). Under Table 4 Building for Life 12 Criteria (page 121) criterion 5 states "Character: Does the scheme create a place with a locally inspired or otherwise distinctive character?" We argue that an "otherwise distinctive character" could well be one that incorporates modern technologies and building methods to create something attractive, distinctive and sustainable. What must not happen is a replication of the poor quality urban extensions happening on the south side of Leamington Spa.

We note that WDC produced 'Garden Towns, Villages and Suburbs - A prospectus for Warwick District Council May 2012' with the statement, "The Prospectus has been prepared to encourage active engagement and participation by community groups." We assume this formal consultation process is the start of this 'active engagement' and look forward to meeting so that the residents of Kenilworth can help shape this document and the growth of the town so that it benefits existing and future residents. May I suggest a meeting in early February would be appropriate? To this end please could you suggest some dates?

Yours faithfully

Jan Burnell, Chair Kenilworth All Together Greener* on behalf of its Working Party.

* **Kenilworth All Together Greener (KATG)** is a group of Kenilworth people who hold monthly meetings at the Kenilworth Centre aimed at providing information, ideas and inspiration about how to live more sustainably. In the last three years speaker topics have included: the energy efficiency of buildings (the Passivhaus standard), building a zero carbon house in Kenilworth; sustainable transport in Kenilworth (cycling and rail); the future of trees in Kenilworth; volunteering for wildlife with the Warwickshire Wildlife Trust; water supply management; local (Harbury) energy efficiency and electric car club; Local Authority energy efficiency initiatives (nationally and regionally) and renewable energy generation (Community Energy Warwickshire and Heart of England Community Energy Coop); as well as talks by two different planning consultants on the planning structure and on neighbourhood plans.

KATG is not affiliated to any political party and its meetings are open to anyone who lives locally. 60-plus Kenilworth residents come to meetings, some more regularly than others. They include adults of all ages, with many retired professionals and some serving councillors, and an even gender balance.

During the preparation of the Kenilworth Neighbourhood Plan the Town Council invited KATG to help develop the sustainability aspects of the document. Over following couple of years a KATG working party, including long-term Kenilworth residents, some with relevant specialist expertise, made several lengthy submissions. Since then this core group has continued to take an active interest in local planning and transport issues.