

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

	1. Personal Details	2. Agent's Details (if applicable)
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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
About You: Gender		
Ethnic Origin		
Age	<input type="checkbox"/> Under 16	<input type="checkbox"/> 16 - 24
	<input type="checkbox"/> 45 - 54	<input type="checkbox"/> 55 - 64
		<input type="checkbox"/> 25 - 34
		<input type="checkbox"/> 35 - 44
		<input type="checkbox"/> 65+

Part B - Commenting on the Preferred Options

If you are commenting on multiple sections of the document you will need to complete a separate sheet for each representation

Sheet of

Which document are you responding to?
e.g. Preferred Options (Booklet) Preferred Options (Full Version)

Preferred Options (Full Version)

Which part of the document are you responding to?
Preferred Option Box (e.g. PO1)

PO5 Affordable Housing

Paragraph number / Heading / Subheading (if relevant)

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

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).

Please see attached sheet.

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Policy PO5. Affordable Housing

We note that the plan proposed to maintain, in broad terms, the existing Local Plan policy for the provision of affordable housing on sites for 10 or more dwellings.

However, paragraph 7.47 of the plan records that the Strategic Housing Market Assessment “accepts” that a more realistic proportion might be 30%. Similarly, the Affordable Housing Viability Assessment noted that for most areas of the District sites would be able to demonstrate some viability were Affordable Housing to be set within the range 25% - 50%.

Whatever policy level is set, the policy should include within the wording an ability to enable appropriate negotiation between the local authority and the developer as to the scale and nature of the provision, so as not to “threaten” the financial viability of the site. All sites should be capable of being viably developed (see NPPF footnote 12, paragraph 47).

Accordingly, the policy for the provision of affordable housing must be seen in the context of the other obligations and cash burdens that fall to developers through the CIL and also other policies in the plan, such as Policy PO12 (Climate Change).

In our clients’ view it would be more appropriate to word the first paragraph to the policy as follows:

On sites of 10 or more dwellings in urban areas and 5 or more dwellings in the rural areas the Council will seek to negotiate with developers for the provision of up to 40% of new homes as affordable.

The Council will take a flexible approach towards the implementation of the policy in terms of:

- **The number of affordable units where there is clear and detailed evidence that the site has particular constraints and other cost obligations (including the CIL) which, along with the provision of affordable housing would result in a development that is not viable**
- **The practicality of providing the homes on site.**

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

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