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# Revised Development Strategy Response Form 2013

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Please use this form if you wish to support or object to the Local Plan - Revised Development Strategy.

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 (see back page). You can also respond online using the LDF Consultation System, visit: www.warwickdc.gov.uk/newlocalplan

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

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#### Guidance on Making Representations

- · Please use this 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 5.15pm on Monday 29 July 2013
- 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, Learnington 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	
<b>Leamington Town Hall</b> Parade, Royal Leamington Spa	Mon – Thurs Fri	8.45am - 5.15pm 8.45am - 4.45pm	
<b>Warwickshire Direct Whitnash</b> Whitnash Library, Franklin Road, Whitnash	Mon – Tues Wed Thurs Fri Sat	10.30am - 5.00pm 1.30pm - 5.00pm Closed 10.30am - 4.00pm 10.30am - 1.30pm	
<b>Leamington Spa Library</b> 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 12.00pm - 4.00pm	
Warwickshire Direct Warwick Shire Hall, Market Square, Warwick	Mon – Thurs Fri Sat	8.00am - 5.30pm 8.00am - 5.00pm 9.00am - 4.00pm	
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Brunswick Healthy Living Centre 98-100 Shrubland Street, Royal Leamington Spa	Mon – Fri	9.00am - 5.00pm	
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	

Where possible, information can be made available in other formats, including large print, CD and other languages if required. To obtain one of these alternatives, please contact 01926 410410.

#### WARWICK DISTRICT COUNCIL - THE LOCAL PLAN

#### OVER-POPULATION AND FOOD SECURITY ARE THE REAL ISSUES.

May I make some serious comments on the Local Plan and on recent planning applications. I belong to no political party, nor could I be classed as a "nimby". I am a father who cares deeply for his country and its future.

POPULATION. In recent decades, governments (and politicians) have failed the British people and the country. Crucial to any housing strategy is a population strategy. This is, and has been, sadly lacking. The security and the economic and social well-being of our country is now under threat from over-population. Our imports of food, fuel, raw materials and other goods far exceed our exports. Our water and energy supplies are barely able to meet present demand. We cannot meet our targets on carbon emissions, land-fill sites are at a premium and at peak times there is traffic chaos on our roads. More and more houses is not the answer to these problems. At local level, I would recognise that there is some demand for housing, and in particular, both social and affordable housing. However, the demand for so many houses in the area has been exaggerated.

FOOD SECURITY. Food security is important to us all and because of population growth it will become increasingly a problem for everyone. The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) prepared by a panel of members mainly from the property, building and construction industries and at the request of the main party of Government which has received millions of pounds in donations from such industries, conveniently fails to highlight or mention the need for food security. Yet one of the main functions of Government is to provide security.

Land on this planet is finite. Large areas are experiencing water stress. Other areas are experiencing climate changes where floods, storms, heat waves and draughts are becoming more common and disastrous. The North American grain harvest was badly hit last year. With global grain reserves so low, another poor harvest would have serious consequences for the worlds food markets. In previously under-developed countries, diets and eating habits are changing. No longer are these peoples satisfied with their old, traditional diets. They will demand meat and other food products which will create other problems along the food supply chain. Closer to home, because of the horse meat scandal we have seen an increase in the demand for British beef. Also, because of the unseasonal weather this year, our crop yields could well be below average. It is against this briefly painted back-drop that the NPPF fails to recognise the importance of food security. At the heart of the Framework is a presumption in favour of sustainable development. The Framework sets out 3 dimensions to sustainable development: 1) an economic role 2) a social role 3) an environmental role. BUT, included in these dimensions, and with priority, should be 4) a security role.

Our farmland provides us with food security. On such an issue, there is no place for self-interest (job protection), nor bullying (aggressive Government tactics), nor bribery (developers' sweeteners). Politicians, planners, inspectors, developers and everyone else have a duty and a responsibility to protect our farmland for present and future generations. It is our children's and grandchildren's heritage.

EUROPEAN UNION. The present Government has promised the country a referendum on EU membership. The latest opinion polls show a slight majority in favour of leaving the EU. Should this be the case, then the Common Agricultural Policy would become non-applicable

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to the UK. A consequence of this could be an urgent need to grow and develop our farming, market-gardening and horticultural industries. At this uncertain time we need to protect and maintain all our available farmland.

LOCAL OBSERVATIONS. In recent years, here in Warwickshire, we have lost much farmland to infra-structure, e.g. M40 and M42. We will lose more good farmland with the construction of the new HS2 rail line. The cumulative effect of this land loss has to be recognised, as does the District's good past record in house building. In our own Council area we have two significant agricultural institutions. At Stoneleigh we have the National Agricultural Centre. At Warwickshire College with its Centre at Moreton Morrell we have one of the finest agricultural teaching establishments in the country. What message would be sending out to these institutions if their very own local Council, or Planning Inspector, approved plans to concrete over large areas of prime agricultural land?

CONCLUSION. In planning applications recently submitted it states; - "The need for this development proposal and the benefits of it outweighs the loss of the agricultural land." To me, nothing could be further from the truth. I reject the statement, just as I reject the Local Plan, for all those reasons outlined above. Our farmland provides us with food security and never, never, must that be compromised. Thank you for reading my comments.

Stephen Perks