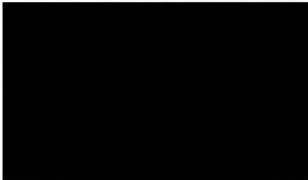


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24th July 2013

Dear Sirs

Local Plan Revised Development Strategy, Community Infrastructure Levy, Draft schedule, Sustainability Appraisal and Gypsy & Traveller Site Options. Consultation.

I am writing to voice my OBJECTION's to certain of the proposals in so far as they adversely affect my business and living environment.

Local Plan Revised Development Strategy,

1. Gateway.

This development has been included in the local plan after being submitted for planning approval; it is against the NPPF and has no special circumstances to support its inclusion in the local plan. I oppose the Gateway development for all the legitimate planning reasons given in extensive correspondence lodged on the WDC website, along with over 800 other objectors, against planning application W12/1143. The Gateway is unsustainable and inappropriate speculative development of the Green Belt with **NO** very special circumstances. It is ruinous to the openness and rural character of our Parish. The open fields also act as a vital barrier against urban sprawl. The proposal will not support regeneration within the Coventry. There are many suitable alternative sites outside the Green Belt.

2. Housing.

Baginton has a Housing Needs Survey & a Parish Plan and requests that only these documents be accounted for by WDC in formulating the Local Plan in regard to rural housing needs within Baginton.

A Housing Needs survey was carried out on our behalf of a few years ago, which identified a need for social housing for 17 new properties. In 2012 the Baginton Parish Plan was published. Whilst a modest sustainable increase to housing would help support a sustainable village, the proposed numbers of between 70 to 90 new houses is completely disproportionate to the size of Baginton and unjustified against the needs of Warwick district.

Changing the classification of the village to enable disproportionate development is not acceptable. The Local Plan must not dictate the type of housing development allocated to villages, but rather should take into account village desires under the Localism act and in the case of Baginton, our Parish Plan and Housing Needs Survey. I am aware of responses to this consultation by the CPRE and WRW Forum, which give a clear and compelling case for the overall housing forecast to be reduced from 12300 to 5400 homes as a maximum. This disproportionate growth will change the character of the village beyond recognition. The facilities necessary to support such a development and the village, such as a GP, schools for all local children, public transport and other facilities simply do not exist in the area.

Community Infrastructure Levy Draft schedule,

There needs to be a consistent levy across the board to reflect the impact on communities and ensure that commercial developments fund the true infrastructure costs. Developments such as industrial warehousing (Gateway) should not be exempt simply because they are not viable.

Gypsy & Traveller Site Options

The proposed Gypsy and traveller sites in Baginton ref G101 & G107, (referred to as GT01 and GT07 in the Options paper) are inappropriate development in the Green Belt and they are not sustainable development. The locations do not meet any of the required criteria laid down as a requisite for gypsy and Traveller sites. There is no GP or schools in Baginton and there is poor public transport provision to support these proposals. The sites are located on Green Belt land adjacent to a rural village; the report states no exception for gypsy and traveller development under PO16 - Green belt. This is entirely unsustainable and inappropriate development of the Green Belt with **no** very special circumstances.

In addition, under the Daily Mail headline of 2nd July 2013 "New rules ban gypsy camps from green belts", it was reported that Eric Pickles has stated "After seeing the trouble this has caused I've never felt it more important to protect our Green Belt land and the communities who live in and around it". The newspaper reports that "travellers will be barred from settling on green belt land" and that "local government Secretary Eric Pickles has acted because his advice to councils to only allow green belt developments in 'very special circumstances' is not being followed". He said "planning officials must give 'particular scrutiny' when letting caravan sites blight England's beauty spots and concentrate them in other areas".

In addition, in a recent announcement the Government has decided to change the appeals recovery criteria by adding proposals for Traveller sites in the Green Belt. That announcement was made by Local Government Minister Brandon Lewis in the Commons. He told MPs: "Having considered recent planning decisions by councils and the Planning Inspectorate, it has become apparent that, in some cases, the Green Belt is not always being given the sufficient protection that was the explicit policy intent of ministers.

"The Secretary of State wishes to make clear that, in considering planning applications, although each case will depend on its facts, he considers that the single issue of unmet demand, whether for Traveller sites or for conventional housing, is unlikely to outweigh harm to the Green Belt and other harm to constitute the 'very special circumstances' justifying inappropriate development in the Green Belt."

Further to this, as proprietor of a local public facing business, this proposal development will jeopardise the viability of our business and put employees at risk. WDC has a duty of care to ALL residents in Warwick district, if any decisions made by WDC and its employees result in residents or businesses being put at risk, they must be held accountable.

Yours sincerely,

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