



Village Housing Options Response Form 2013

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Please use this form if you wish to support or object to the Village Housing Options and Settlement Boundaries.
If you are commenting on multiple sections of the document you will need to complete a separate copy of either Part B and/or Part C 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

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?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
About You: Gender		
Ethnic Origin		
Age		
Where did you hear about this consultation e.g. radio, newspaper, word of mouth, exhibitions, parish council?	Word of Mouth & not until 12/1/14 which is NOT democratic!	



Part B - Commenting on the Village Housing Options

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Which part of the document are you responding to?

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What is the nature of your representation?

Support Object

Please set out full details of your representation of support or objection. If objecting, please set out what changes could be made to resolve your objection (Use a separate sheet if necessary).

I object to the proposal of converting the allotments (site 1) into housing development in Cubbington. My objections are outlined below;

- 1) The personal & community benefits of having/owning allotments is well recored. This includes exercise, health benefits, mental health benefits, social interaction, overcoming social isolation, relaxation, reducing stress, etc, etc and of course fresh food to eat!
- 2) Allotments are a great "leveler" i.e. they are used by people of all ages, income, gender, ethnicity, families & friends. This results in community & personal interaction & all the benefits associated with such a positive activity. All sorts of informal community development & interaction take place naturally & spontaneously.
- 3) What single activity can boast the above benefits for so many people from so many backgrounds? None! It is a very unique activity!! It is a way of life!
- 4) Wildlife will be harmed & damaged if this unique habitat is covered in tarmac & concrete. i.e. bats, foxes, bees, birds & badgers.
- 5) The UNDEMOCRATIC manner in which the Local Plan has been "pushed through" is very concerning & unsatisfactory! I pride myself on reading local papers & being informed, but only found out about the proposed plans on 12/1/14! Reading through the 63 page Local Plan, the phrase "LOCAL RESIDENTS" is only used ONCE on page 31. The word "CONSULTATION" is used many times. However, Councillors & Officers need to realise that there is a massive difference between CONSULTATION & DEMOCRACY! I believe that Councillors & Officers have been actively undemocratic in not informing/involving LOCAL RESIDENTS in the process. I dare say that they will be able to point to the event on 3/1/14, but, i was totally unaware of this event. Exactly how proactive were Councillors & Officers in advertising this event? I believe there has been MINIMAL effort in giving LOCAL RESIDENTS the opportunity to be involved from day one!!

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Democracy doesn't mean that you always get what you wish for. But, it does mean that you have the opportunity to have your opinion listened to & taken into consideration by the people who have been DEMOCRATICALLY elected to represent oneself. I don't believe that Councillors or Officers are representing or listening to LOCAL RESIDENTS on this matter! I believe that Councillors & Officers have only done the absolute minimum to "consult" with LOCAL RESIDENTS on the Local Plan so they cannot be accused of this point. LOCAL RESIDENTS feel that they have been actively excluded from the democratic process.

The larger the implications/developments regarding any Local Plan needs to be in proportion to the effort that Councillors & Officers put into the DEMOCRATIC process of involving LOCAL RESIDENTS. The implications of this current plan are massive & Councillors & Officers have failed to give LOCAL RESIDENTS adequate opportunity to be consulted or to be influential in the outcome. There is a feeling that it is "all stitched up & decided", or a "done deal", as was minuted at a Cubbington Parish Council meeting. LOCAL RESIDENTS are not unintelligent/uninformed people. But, we are being treated as though we are.

I would like any Councillor or Officer to point to any opportunity where LOCAL RESIDENTS have been given a real chance to influence the Local Plan before it was actually printed in it's present glossy "done & dusted" format. Plus, ask them the actual question, "is the process of developing/devising the Local Plan meant to be democratic?"

6) Allotment owners have worked on improving their soil condition, permanent crops & trees for many years. It would be soul destroying to take this away from them. cont'd)

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- 7) I believe that the current plan to build c.150 is in excess of local need. A local needs survey identified a need for 6 houses & is being built on Coventry Road, Cubbington. The process that the Parish Council followed on this occasion was very good - this proves they can be democratic & inclusive if they wish to be.
- 8) One big contradiction in the Local Plan is regarding the findings of the 2012 Warwick District Local Survey which states, " the allotment land was not suitable due to the impact on an area of high landscape value & protecting green belt/recreational facilities (allotments). Also, "land at north Cubbington was not suitable due to the impact on open countryside in an area of high landscape value & the scale of the development in relation to the existing built up area of Cubbington. WHY IS THIS BEING IGNORED or conveniently PUSHED UNDER THE CARPET?
- 9) On a personal note, material adverse effect on our & existing properties would include;
- a) The Coventry Road & Rugby Road Junction is dangerous at the best of times - more traffic would make it more so.
 - b) Our property would suffer from disturbance, noise, light pollution, loss of view, loss of privacy, over shadowing, overlooking, "garden grabbing" (this is a possibility as a detailed plan is yet to be shared) & change of character of the n'hood.
- 10) As a detailed & accurate plan has not actually been shared of the intended house/design & road layouts other detrimental impact could include inappropriate design of houses & layout of the "estate". Why has not a detailed plan been shared?

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11) I am a realist regarding the national need for more housing & how that trickles down to the Local Plan, but, going about it democratically & ensuring that sites are chosen with the least environmental/adverse effect is crucial. I don't believe either of these points have been adhered to regarding the current Cubbington Village Housing Option.

If housing development is necessary in Cubbington, I have the following comments;

- 1) Limit the number of houses to 75.
- 2) Use non green belt land. Therefore Option 2 is to be discounted.
- 3) Do not use land used by the community. Therefore Option 1 & 3 is to be discounted.
- 4) Use brown sites. Do not allow the "economic" argument by developers to be so influential i.e. a minimum number of houses per site or green belt is better as opposed to brown sites because it is cheaper to build on "virgin" land, etc. Profit must not be allowed to be the overriding importance - community is much more important.

Option 2 needs modifying;

- 1) Why hasn't the boundary of the proposed site been extended to the field boundary? This would increase the surface area by approx' 40% & lessen the need for Option 1.

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