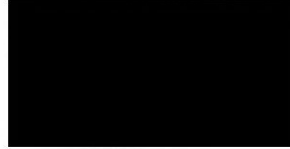


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20th July 2012

Development Manager
Development Services
Warwick District Council
Leamington Spa.

Dear Sir,

I was very surprised to learn you and your colleagues are once again proposing to the people of Kenilworth and their elected representatives a so called NEW LOCAL PLAN using the green belt area bounded by Birches lane/ Glasshouse Lane and the A46. This time for a large scale development of 770 Houses, a school and an industrial estate. In addition you propose to inundate The immediate area with a further some six thousand houses and goodness What else. To my mind you are setting out to create a conurbation of disturbing Proportions with insufficient lungs. We might as well merge with Coventry And have done with it.

Some two or three years ago our Council proposed to us a not dissimilar Scheme albeit smaller in scale, under the enforced programme of the central Government of that time. Proper consultation took place and the objections of The people of Kenilworth were very clear both to your department and our Political representatives. After the election these plans were quickly withdrawn And credit taken by our representatives.

At the risk of going over old ground I repeat the key objections to Your proposals:

1. A major part of the Thickthorn area was refused planning permission for housing in 1966 following appeal to a properly Appointed government inspector. It was then given Green Belt Status for 25 years ; confirmed without timescale limitation in 1991. On both these occasions the main supporter of the green Green belt was WDC. The evidence they gave in the interest of 'The area is available to you and is just as apposite to day'.
2. At the time of the creation of the A46 {well before 1991} the WDC recognised the noise and pollution problems involved And paid local residents at the present building line some two Hundred yards from the A46 compensation. Since then the Traffic on the A46 has increased by more than three or four Times' Your preferred option totally ignores the health risks To new residents and school children involved in your plan.

2continued' _ This is too important to rely on specious guide lines
And traffic projections. We just do not know and we do not need
To take unnecessary risks for the sake of expediency.

3. In my view your plan for Kenilworth ,and for the other areas
You propose are the worst kind of ribbon developments and will
Be seen as such.It further eats into the breathing space between
The City of Coventry and the residential town of Kenilworth.

4. Bounded by HS2 on the one side and the A46 on the other
Kenilworth has reached an optimum size if its residents are to be
Allowed to enjoy a reasonable quality of life in an enlightened
21st. century.

5.Traffic safety, density,delays,and health hazards in and out of
Kenilworth are already at a high level in Kenjlworth and it would
Become gridlocked and totally uncontrollable.Vague comments
Are not a development plan

6.

There has been considerable work carried out in the last few
Years with the cooperation of the WDC to make the services,
Such as water,effluent recovery,electricity,roads,telephones;and
Other services; adequate in Kenilworth.I would suggest that this
Belated catch up has achieved at considerable inconvenience to
The residents and of course directly or indirectly paid for by them.
The last thing the residents want is to become is a building site
And an under serviced and over developed dumping ground,
Your comments on this aspect of your proposals are to say the
Least inadequate and need to lead not follow any so called
preferred plan.

7.WDC in conjunction with the Police have just closed the police
station.We would need a new one with an increase in population
Of some two thousand plus people,

8.The cost/return to the WDC is not assessed but would inevitably
Give rise to a substantial rise in rates,

9.To my mind you setting out to create a conurbation of disturbing
Proportions along the A46 corridor .We might as well merge with
Coventry and have done with it !

10.A more useful contribution to the free land at Thickthorn would
Be to acquire it at agricultural prices and make it in to an arboretum,
I am sure that the people of Kenilworth would subscribe for the
trees!

It is difficult to provide alternatives to your proposals as you do not spell out the Criteria that you have been given and you are restricted to the WDC area , It would Seem that you are being asked to plan for some eight thousand homes and related Facilites projected to 2029.,recognising that there is already a shortage of housing nationally and

The demography is such that we can already see increases in population beyond that date.However,it is apparent that generally what is needed is a proper vision of creating

A quality of life appropriate to the 21st. Century.In my view this should include social Provision of at least 50% rental accommodation,flats for young people and separately for retired people,nursing homes,adequate parking,reasonably priced homes for young Families,etc. In our area, if the demography requires it, we need a properly planned Small town growing to 10,000 living units by 2020 to 2025. Whilst this may be outside your present brief it is the only positive solution .It would also be the most Economic solution.in the long run, In my view this development should be situated To the east of Coventry and south of the A45 , say at the roundabout some way before

The turn off to Rugby An alternative would be the area between the A46 roundabout/ M40 and the next roundabout towards Stratford on the North side .

Whilst I am against overloading the A46 corridor the only possibility for such a project would be at Hatton ..Here a start has been made and there is already a station,two hotels, a pub,a church,a canal, and a country park. Road access in every direction is good and would minimise disruption.

I realise that you and your staff have a difficult job to do with the constraints Placed on you.I can assure you that my comments are intended to be positive and Not personal but I do feel strongly about this subject.

Yours faithfully,

A black rectangular redaction box covering the signature of the sender.

Copied to:

Rt. Hon. J. Wright M.P.
Mr. A. Farnall ,WCC.
Mr. M. Doody WDC.

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