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WARWICK DISTRICT COUNCIL

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.

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Part A - Personal Details

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Would you like to be made aware of future consultations on the new Local Plan? ☐ Yes ☐ No

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Part B - Commenting on the Preferred Options

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Sheet [ ] of [ ]

Which document are you responding to? e.g. Preferred Options (Booklet) Preferred Options (Full Version)	LOCAL PLAN - PREFERRED
Which part of the document are you responding to? Preferred Option Box (e.g. PO1)	OPTIONS - ALL
Paragraph number / Heading / Subheading (if relevant)	
Map (e.g. Preferred Development Sites – Whole District)	WHOLE DISTRICT.
What is the nature of your representation?	[ ] Support [✓] Object

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In response to the Local Plan – Preferred Options Summary – it might appear that no reply would be considered as acceptance of the future proposals.

At first reading it would seem that the introductory paragraphs to the various sections tick all the right boxes, and at this stage it is difficult to translate the proposals into much detail. The booklet will be recognised for its lack of interpretation, and lack of adequate detail – one of the key problems is that there would appear to be no explanation of what is a category 1 village and a category 2 village? Nor which villages have been so classified?

Initial re-action to the proposals is that "This is what you are going to get" rather than being asked "What do you want or need"

Fortunately an independent leaflet was received that gave more explanation than was available in the WDC leaflet. And perhaps the WDC should be more transparent In future when issuing further proposals!

The WDC has a recorded history of ignoring people's wishes where some development has taken places, such as overturning Green Belt status to suit their own proposals. Is there any guarantee that this will not happen again?

It does concern me that the proposals for housing development should be spread over the whole of the district. At this moment in time, and the near future, there is a tendency to close police stations and fire stations, for the purpose of economy and scale of operations. It makes more sense not to extend lines of communication for the provision of law and order and fire and rescue services; and also waste disposal services where extra mileage is non- productive mileage costs. People with cars will not take their waste over many miles to a waste disposal site.

The rural areas should not be the scapegoat for urbanisation and should be retained for as long as possible. From my understanding of the proposals, excessive development in rural areas is proposed that is well in excess of development that has taken place in past centuries. Why now? People that want to live in rural areas do not want to be followed into those areas by urbanisation; only for villages to be urbanised.

Of course natural piecemeal development will occur in the rural areas, but to plan block development in the rural areas is a desecration of the countryside. Warwick District is not an industrial area and there are not many employment sights available, and certainly little chance of employment in the rural area - this means that more housing in the rural areas means more commuting to the workplace and all its legacy of building or upgrading existing roads. More time spent commuting will result in more road accidents and its increased demand on the ambulance services in the district (and for which there does not appear to be any provision for an increase in hospital facilities).

Are there any proposals to utilise the land available for habitations, than has been the case in the past. For instance what proposals are there to build upwards and not the customary single and two storey dwellings – for instance small blocks of flats each built on underground garaging space (or ground floor garaging space). It is not suggested that tower blocks of flats are built – far from it. This would utilise the land available more efficiently.

In the absence of little detail being available it is difficult to comment on many sections of the proposals. It would seem the proposals were dated "May 2012" but not delivered until the end of the first week in July. Clearly such proposals must have taken many weeks or possibly months to put together – and yet one is expected to respond to the proposals within a period of little more than three weeks! The timetable does smack of a sense of guile in pushing through these proposals in such haste. Many people would be away on holiday during the three week period and unable to respond. Many people do not have access to the internet, and the WDC should not rely upon that media to inform future proposals - what is wrong with the conventional method of the written word?

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