

PETITION

FOR

THE PROTECTION OF HAMPTON MAGNA

831 HAMPTON MAGNA RESIDENT SIGNATURES



(Some of the views around Hampton Magna which are likely to disappear)

July 2013

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1. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

Following the amendment of the initial local Plan document and subsequent consultation process a revised local plan for the Warwick District has been issued with the consultation period for this expiring Monday 29th July 2013.

Despite the objections and Parish Council case against the development within the village during the first consultation the number of houses proposed in the village increased even further to a maximum 150.

A Public Meeting was not provided for and it became apparent that there was an increasing ground swell of frustration with more than ever the village residents wanting to show their objection.

Feedback suggested that many residents found the Consultation Response method difficult to use for one or more of the following reasons ::

- ❖ They were not computer literate
- ❖ Sourcing the paper based response form relied on having a computer or making a special trip to source
- ❖ The Plan document is daunting to many, understanding which parts to respond to was difficult
- ❖ In Hampton Magna there are elderly residents who are unlikely to formally respond
- ❖ Lack of trust the Council will listen creating apathy
- ❖ Lack of awareness of the plan and its implications again creating apathy

Therefore to provide all residents in Hampton Magna with (as a minimum) the opportunity to express their concerns in one large voice a petition letter around the core , but not all, reasons for objecting was produced and the results are in this document.

The following particularly relevant clauses are noted within the Revised Development Strategy document being 1.2 , 3.5, 4.3 , 4.3.5 , 4.3.10 , 4.4.3 , 4.4.9 and it is hoped these clauses whether it be actions promised or commentary on particular circumstances will be applied to the plight of the village accordingly in a fair and consistent manner.

2. THE PETITION ANALYSED

The response to the petition letter has been overwhelming as increased awareness of what is being planned in the village has gained momentum.

The following should however be taken into account in considering the responses :

- ❖ Signatories are all from the village of Hampton Magna only demonstrating the acute local objection
- ❖ Children below voting age were excluded
- ❖ Some properties were vacant
- ❖ Holiday period limited availability of some households in the signature “window”
- ❖ Exceptionally nice weather in the signature “window” hampered availability
- ❖ Views of anyone undecided or in favour of development were totally respected throughout

Summary data from the Petition

- Number of Respondent signatures objecting totalled 831
- Action Group feedback was that:
 - in excess of 90% of houses where a response was obtained opposed the plans for Hampton Magna
 - circa 5% were undecided wanting to research further
 - circa 5% were in favour of the development

3. WORDING OF: Petition for the protection of Hampton Magna

July 2013

Background to this Petition

Warwickshire District Council have issued a Revised Development Strategy Document with the consultation phase of this expiring on the 29th July 2013

Some 15% of perceived housing development need is proposed in village locations the bulk of which are being considered for villages with good levels of infrastructure already in place.

Hampton Magna is one of these villages with 100-150 homes proposed to be built in addition to the existing (circa) 600 village houses over the next 15 years

The actual sites are to be considered later but amongst the options is the preferred large site to the South of the village (field that links Gould Road around the school field to Daly Avenue) being Green belt agricultural land owned by Henry VIII Endowment Trust.

Petition Statement

We the undersigned object strongly to the proposal to build the houses as set out in the June 13 Revised Development Strategy Document within Hampton Magna :

- The Green Belt must not be eroded further and should be protected in line with central government policy to only use green belt land in “exceptional circumstances”. The plan does not reflect this last resort position given the continuing uncertainty over housing needs. The Green Belt open character of the village should not be compromised
- The plan is contradictory. It portrays a want to consider Green Belt and protect the open spaces and countryside yet villages “washed over” by green belt may have their village envelopes re drawn. We do not agree with this policy.
- The village has suffered its share of green belt erosion and growth/development on all sides in recent years. Warwick Parkway Station (built on green belt land and subsequently expanded considerably) , Hatton Park Estate to the North , Chase Meadow to the South, IBM site development to the East. Further erosion of green belt and the village character must stop.
- The scale of development is inappropriate in relation to the existing village population.
- Contrary to the plan services in the village are fully utilised and do not need further “sustaining” through population growth. The School is expanding but this is needed to resolve current stretched classroom numbers. The train station and its facilities are fully utilised. Existing infrastructure capacity should not be stretched further.
- Another large influx of families will create more traffic congestion particularly given the single file traffic light controlled road under the bridge being the main access to/from the village. There will be more dangers with traffic volumes through the village day to day and more rat running through country roads and other neighbouring villages. Houses will be purchased by London commuters creating more pressure to expand Warwick Parkway further.

- Land suggested for Gypsy sites should not take precedence over house building on them and we are against the compulsory purchase of private land to facilitate Gypsy sites

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4 THE SIGNATURES TO THE LETTER

TOTAL 831

ALL HAMPTON MAGNA RESIDENTS