

**Consultation Response on behalf of the
Police and Crime Commissioner for Warwickshire**

Warwickshire Police SUPPORT the Revised Development Strategy with the following observations, specifically:

RDS1:

1. The higher level of housing provision reflects a realistic expectation of demand. However, the inclusion of significant windfall provision through the plan period should not exclude the contribution which can be made within larger settlements in the green belt such as Leek Wootton, accordingly -
2. As provided by paragraph 86 of the Framework, nucleated and compact settlements such as Leek Wootton which make no contribution to the openness of the green belt should no longer be washed over by green belt policy (this being the position in the preceding Local Plan).

RDS3:

3. Warwickshire Police support the policy in terms of adopting a proportionate and distributive approach to accommodating the increased housing numbers and agree that higher growth is to be located in or attached to the larger settlements such as Leek Wootton where amenities are more readily available (whilst also being readily accessible to Kenilworth and Warwick) and smaller less accessible settlements are allowed proportionately less growth.

Woodcote House land:

4. Woodcote House estate at Leek Wootton belongs to Warwickshire Police and is available for development. There is sufficient land at Woodcote to provide a natural and logical extension to the Village that is capable of containing the required level of development within an established landscape framework and without impacting on the openness of the green belt overall or harming the setting of the listed Woodcote House.
5. Warwickshire Police support the principle of neighbourhood planning and have already expressed a willingness to work with the Parish Council in relation to the future of their landholding at Woodcote.
6. The particular characteristics of the landholding at Woodcote, not being land in agricultural use, mean that any development at Woodcote could be aligned with the 'Garden Village Attributes' aspired to in the emerging local plan.