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## Revised Development Strategy Response Form 2013

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Please use this form if you wish to support or object to the Local Plan - Revised Development Strategy.

**If you are commenting on multiple sections of the document you will need to complete a separate copy of Part B 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](http://www.warwickdc.gov.uk/newlocalplan)

### Part A - Personal Details

	1. Personal Details	2. Agent's Details (if applicable)
Title	Mr.	
First Name	ANTHONY	
Last Name	KING	
Job Title (where relevant)		
Organisation (where relevant)		
Address Line 1	[REDACTED]	
Address Line 2		
Address Line 3		
Address Line 4		
Postcode		
Telephone number		
Email address		
Would you like to be made aware of future consultations?		
About You: Gender		
Ethnic Origin		
Age		

Where did you hear about this consultation e.g. radio, newspaper, word of mouth, exhibitions, bin hanger?

Word of mouth & subsequently a letter from the W.D.C.

# Part B - Commenting on the Revised Development Strategy

If you are commenting on multiple sections of the document you will need to complete a separate sheet for each representation

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Which part of the document are you responding to?

Paragraph number / Heading / Subheading (if relevant)

Map (e.g. Proposed Development Sites - District Wide)

What is the nature of your representation?

 Support Object

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

*please see attached letter.*

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## Guidance on Making Representations

- Please use this response form as it will help the Council to keep accurate and consistent records of all the comments on the Plan, alternatively complete online at [www.warwickdc.gov.uk/newlocalplan](http://www.warwickdc.gov.uk/newlocalplan)
- If you wish to make comments on more than one aspect of the Plan, please use a separate copy of Part B of this form for each
- You may withdraw your objection at any time by writing to Warwick District Council, address below
- It is important that you include your name and address as anonymous forms cannot be accepted. If your address details change, please inform us in writing
- All forms should be received by **5.15pm on Monday 29 July 2013**
- Copies of all the objections and supporting representations will be made available for others to see at the Council's offices at Riverside House and online via the Council's e-consultation system. Please note that all comments on the Local Plan are in the public domain and the Council cannot accept confidential objections. The information will be held on a database and used to assist with the preparation of the new Local Plan and with consideration of planning applications in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998
- To return this form, please drop off at one of the locations below, or post to: **Development Policy Manager, Development Services, Warwick District Council, Riverside House, Milverton Hill, Leamington Spa, CV32 5QH** or email: [newlocalplan@warwickdc.gov.uk](mailto:newlocalplan@warwickdc.gov.uk)

## Where to see copies of the Plan

Copies of the Plan are available for inspection on the Council's web site at [www.warwickdc.gov.uk/newlocalplan](http://www.warwickdc.gov.uk/newlocalplan) and at the following locations:

Location	Opening Times	
<b>Warwick District Council Offices</b> Riverside House, Milverton Hill, Royal Leamington Spa	Mon – Thurs	8.45am – 5.15pm
	Fri	8.45am – 4.45pm
<b>Leamington Town Hall</b> Parade, Royal Leamington Spa	Mon – Thurs	8.45am – 5.15pm
	Fri	8.45am – 4.45pm
<b>Warwickshire Direct Whitnash</b> Whitnash Library, Franklin Road, Whitnash	Mon – Tues	10.30am – 5.00pm
	Wed	1.30pm – 5.00pm
	Thurs	Closed
	Fri	10.30am – 4.00pm
	Sat	10.30am – 1.30pm
<b>Leamington Spa Library</b> The Pump Rooms, Parade, Royal Leamington Spa	Mon – Weds	9.30am – 6.00pm
	Thurs	10.00am – 7.00pm
	Fri	9.30am – 6.00pm
	Sat	9.30am – 4.30pm
	Sun	12.00pm – 4.00pm
<b>Warwickshire Direct Warwick</b> Shire Hall, Market Square, Warwick	Mon – Thurs	8.00am – 5.30pm
	Fri	8.00am – 5.00pm
	Sat	9.00am – 4.00pm
<b>Warwickshire Direct Kenilworth</b> Kenilworth Library, Smalley Place, Kenilworth	Mon – Tues	9.00am – 5.30pm
	Wed	10.30am – 5.30pm
	Thurs – Fri	9.00am – 5.30pm
	Sat	9.00am – 1.00pm
<b>Warwickshire Direct Lillington</b> Lillington Library, Valley Road, Royal Leamington Spa	Mon	9.30am – 12.30pm & 1.30pm – 6.00pm
	Tues and Fri	9.30am – 12.30pm & 1.30pm – 5.30pm
	Weds	Closed
	Thurs	9.30am – 12.30pm & 1.30pm – 7.00pm
	Sat	9.30am – 12.30pm
<b>Brunswick Healthy Living Centre</b> 98-100 Shrubland Street, Royal Leamington Spa	Mon – Fri	9.00am – 5.00pm
<b>Finham Community Library</b> Finham Green Rd, Finham, Coventry, CV3 6EP	Mon	1.00pm – 7.00pm
	Tues, Thurs and Fri	9.00am – 7.00pm
	Sat	9.00am – 4.00pm

Where possible, information can be made available in other formats, including large print, CD and other languages if required. To obtain one of these alternatives, please contact 01926 410410.

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The argument would seem to be that the sites are located in Green Belt Land, and there were objections to the releasing of land from the green belt.

As a result a major proportion of the new development sites are now being concentrated on environmentally and visually sensitive sites to the south of Warwick, on green field sites which apparently come lower down the pecking order than green belt sites. The environmental and traffic congestion problems that this will generate seem to have also had a lesser consideration.

The green belt plan to prevent urban coalescence is now over 50 years old and in need of changing, so as to ensure a plan for the orderly, fair and sustainable development of Warwick and Leamington.

Over the past 10 years Warwick has grown at a rate of 1% per annum. This is double the rate of growth for the County of Warwickshire, and the national average. Surely it is time to look elsewhere whilst the current building programme is assimilated into the current structure.

In 2000 the Air Quality regulations for England set out objectives for improving the air quality in our urban areas. The nitrous dioxide levels in both Warwick and Leamington still remain well above the levels set, and very little seems to have been done about bringing them down. Now the Local Plan is advocating that we tinker with our highways to cope with even more traffic which will have the effect of further worsening the already illegal level. This will add to an increase in health problems, further damage to our historic buildings and lead to a deterioration in living conditions for those citizens of Warwick who live in or near the old town. Many of whom have lived here for a long time – surely their needs should be afforded the same consideration as those who will be living in the proposed new houses.



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How can the council put forward a plan which makes an illegal level of air pollution even worse. It begs the question – can the Local Plan be legal?

As a resident of Bridge End I am fearful of the effect that the increase in traffic is going to have on this delightful and historic part of Warwick. You do not need me to tell you of the problems one can experience in getting out of Bridge End during the morning and afternoon rush hour periods. We will experience a worsening of this problem, a further deterioration in the already unacceptable levels of air and noise pollution.

If you venture up the Gallows Hill Road alongside the Warwick Industrial Park on any working day in the week, you will see cars parked on the verge all the way up the hill. The planners of Warwick Industrial Park have clearly got their parking requirements in this estate wrong and so we have the excess cars parking in the ring road within the Industrial Park and on the green verges of Gallows Hills Road. They are also now starting to park in Bridge End and Archery Fields thereby creating parking problems for some of the Bridge End and Archery Fields residents. With the extra traffic this can only get worse and make the roads more dangerous. The roads in Bridge End are narrow and already have many residents cars parking on them.

The bridge over the Avon, built in 1797 and a listed building carries 20,000 vehicles a day, of which a not insignificant number are above the maximum permissible weight of 7.5 tons. In the extensive highway 'improvements' proposed in the Local plan there is a distinct lack of mention of the biggest bottleneck in your proposed traffic plan – namely the Avon Bridge. It cannot be widened, it was not designed to carry the traffic it does daily, and what consideration is being given to its gradual deterioration? How regularly is it inspected, and what plans do you have to cope with the chaos that would ensue if the bridge had to be closed for repairs or heaven forbid failed?

To summarise, the Local Plan needs to:

- Reassess how many new houses are really required.
- Locate the new housing both North and South of the river in a fair, and environmentally sustainable plan
- Make strenuous efforts to reduce the illegal levels of air pollution by addressing the through traffic problem in Warwick and Leamington, not adding to it. If this means another bypass and bridge so be it.
- Ensure that the fabric of our historic environs are respected – they are also a very large contributor to our local economy, look after them and the citizens of Warwick & Leamington who both make this such a beautiful part of England.

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Banbury Road - from the road about at the Avon Bridge looking  
South, on 24<sup>th</sup> June 2013 (Monday) at 8.15am.



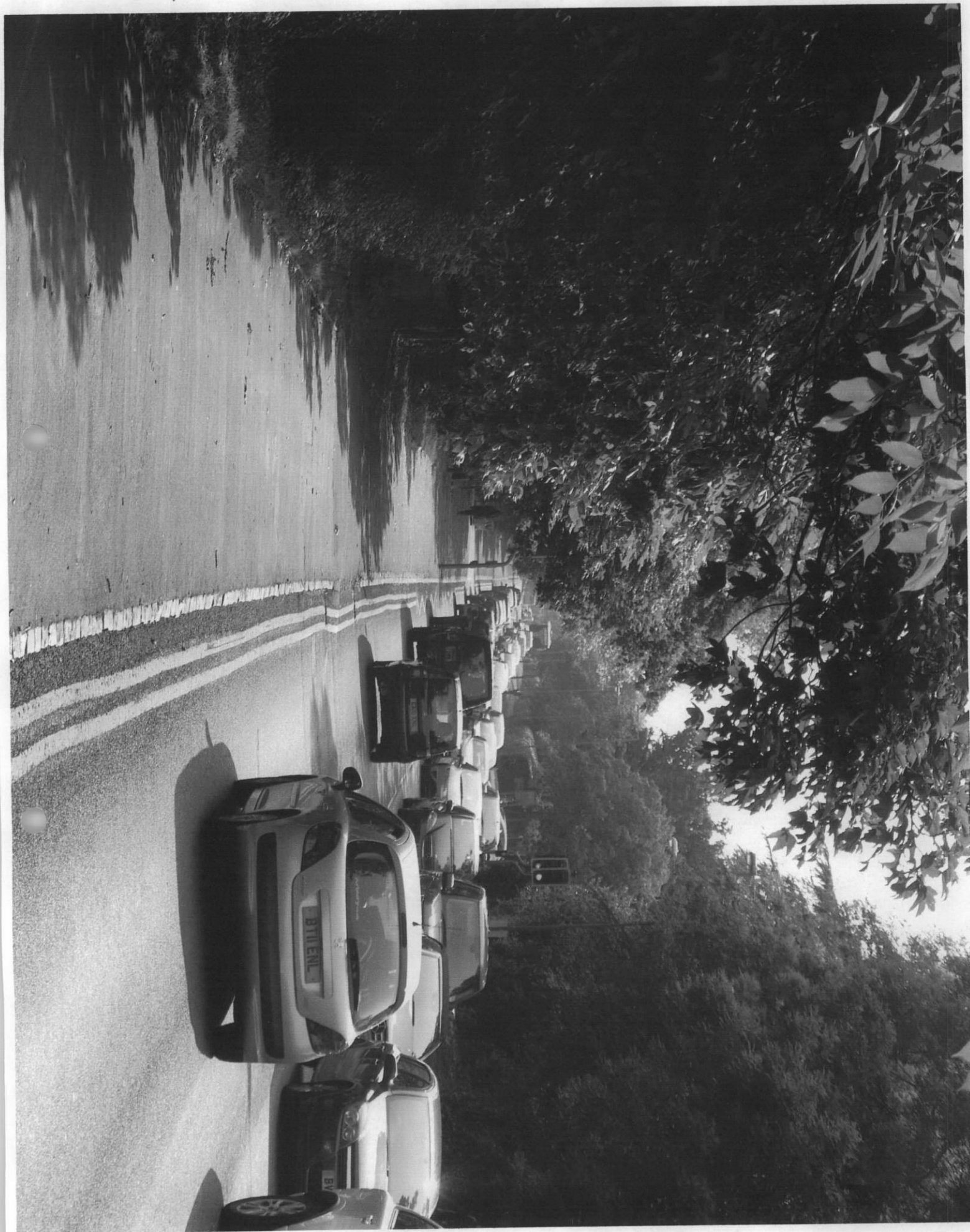
The traffic stretches back beyond the top of Gallows,

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The Myton Road - from the Avon Bridge Roundabout looking  
east passed Warwick School + towards Myton School



Taken on Monday 24th June at 8.12am.