



21st July 2013

cc Chris White MP.

Dear Sir/Madam,

I would like to strongly object to the new draft local plan for Warwickshire.

In my opinion this is no better than the last plan proposed a few years ago. I would also like to object to the gypsy sites around Bishops Tachbrook. I have sent a separate letter on this.

12000+ homes are too many houses according to several studies.

The local need is for 6000 homes by 2030.

Warwick DC's consultants G.L. Hearn gave an Economic and Demographic Forecast Study in December 2012. In their option Proj5 arrived at only 4405 new homes required. Other studies such as the Ray Bullen paper July 2012 using 2011 census data in 2013 back this up.

150 homes are proposed for Bishops Tachbrook. The local need from the housing survey is for 14. 150 extra houses is too many for the surrounding village.

We should be setting a level of new housebuilding which meets population growth not encouraging many more people to move into the district.

I have been living in Bishops Tachbrook for 15 years and I am worried that this village with its views are just going to be part of a sprawling housing estate between Warwick, Leamington and Whitnash. 4500 proposed homes south of Warwick is not sustainable. I didn't buy my house in this village to be joined up in one housing estate.

We should be looking at building on Brown belt and not green belt land. This local plan poses a severe threat to the surrounding countryside.

The rapid growth in population would put heavy pressure on hospitals and schools. In Bishops Tachbrook there is just 1 school. The Greenfield development would be car dependent and

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unsustainable. I bike ride to Warwick daily and the air pollution is getting worse and worse. Car congestion is already at critical limits and there are too many bottlenecks in and out of Warwick/Leamington Spa. There is simply not the infrastructure to support the amount of houses proposed.

To summarise briefly. There are too many houses, in the wrong places without the proper infrastructure to support it. Not enough thought has gone into the plan in my view. This will have a large impact on the two town centres and the character of Leamington Spa and Warwick.

Yours Sincerely
Andy Cowden



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