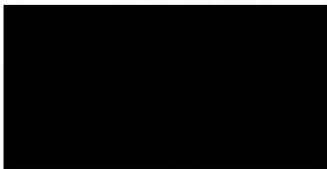


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I have already registered my objection to the disproportionate amount of development to the south of Warwick and the increase in traffic that will result. My particular concern is the inevitable deterioration in air quality in a town where in several places it is already at levels likely to cause illness and discomfort. The widening of roadways and junctions to accommodate the increase in traffic and to move it through the town is not a "sustainable" solution.

I attended the meeting at Aylesford School on Monday 15th July hoping to raise the issue. I did ask a question about air quality and was horrified by the answer I was given by the council representative.

He spoke of "**evidence based**" decisions but was lamentable in his response to the undeniable evidence that poor air quality causes cancer, asthma, heart problems and other respiratory problems as well as thousands of deaths which can be directly related to traffic and its effects on the air we breathe.

His evidence based response began with the admission that air quality is "**something we haven't addressed.**"

He went on to say that it is "**something we need to look at**". He added that it was "**a legitimate issue**".

Despite this, the impression given by those representing the district Council was that there was no alternative to the revised Development because there was nowhere else to put the number of houses that were needed to present an acceptable plan to central government.

Surely, to admit a failure to consider an aspect of the plan that endangers the health of those already living in the town as well as the infants and school age children who attend schools and centres in those areas likely to be most badly affected, is a failure that, as the representative said, "**needs to be addressed**".

It is no good suggesting that those who move into the newly built houses need the "**opportunity to live a healthy life style**" if it is at the expense of the health of existing Warwick residents.

If those responsible do not take this health issue seriously and acknowledge that there is evidence to show that their plans will cause illness and accelerate death then I would suggest that a responsible body continuing to ignore the health risks would lead themselves open to a successful Judicial Review.

I would also suggest that there may well be the opportunity to stall the plan by an application for an Injunction.

