

3<sup>rd</sup> January, 2014

Warwick District Council,  
Riverside House,  
Milverton Hill,  
Royal Leamington Spa  
CV32 5QH.



Dear Sirs,

Comment on Warwick District Council Local Plan, Village Housing Options and Settlement Boundaries Consultation, regarding Radford Semele, Site 1 – East of Church Lane.

I am writing to object in the strongest possible terms to the proposed plan to build a housing estate on the above site. I want Warwick District Council to reject the Church fields as their "Preferred Development Option" as put forward in their Local Plan Consultation 25<sup>th</sup> November, 2013 – 20<sup>th</sup> January, 2014. This land provides a setting for St Nicholas Church, a medieval Grade II listed building in Radford Semele.

I also want Warwick District Council to place the Church Fields into an "Area of Restraint" and look at alternative ways to provide for additional housing within Radford Semele. The east of Church Lane site (Site 1) is the single most beautiful part of the village of Radford Semele. It has existed almost untouched since the Middle Ages and building on it will remove a part of the village enjoyed by villagers and tourists.

Traffic chaos will result from widened roads, new traffic lights or roundabouts at the junction of Church Lane, School Lane and Southam Road. The main A425 is a very busy road and these major roadworks will cause considerable problems for drivers. It will cause terrible problems for the village as a whole. There is almost gridlock at peak times through the village and it is almost impossible to join the main road from Offchurch Lane. Changes will be required to provide access to the site that will turn the village into a car park at peak times.

The site to the east of Church Lane is not the best place for access to local village services and amenities and is separated from the main village by the busy A425 road. Being separated from the village will result in widespread use of cars to get to and from this site further exacerbating traffic chaos and pollution levels along the stretch of road near to the Church.

As I understand it, the school is at full capacity and, since there is no room for expansion as land around it has previously been sold off for housing, where are education needs going to be met?

Yours faithfully,

Colin Bishop.