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Dear Sirs,

Warwick District New Local Plan Proposed Modifications Consultation

Thank you for the opportunity to contribute to this consultation.

Proposed policies DS6 and DS7: Level of Housing Growth

We realise that national policies require local authorities to plan for growth and development. However we object to this policy as we feel that the housing numbers proposed are not justified. We support Bishops Tachbrook Parish Council in their analysis of the figures involved.

Location of Allocated Development Sites

In the last round of consultation we supported the methods used to select sites and in particular the high importance given to the study of the landscape qualities of each area. Allocations of land with high landscape value, and the 'best and most versatile' agricultural land were generally avoided. However we are concerned that the additional land allocations in the Proposed Modifications have not been selected in the same rigorous way so do not support them.

This is particularly relevant in the case of the Kings Hill site. This site was considered early on in the Local Plan review process and rejected when 'considered against strict Green Belt criteria'.

We are concerned that many of the sites allocated are in unsustainable locations, far away from town centre facilities and without the infrastructure to support them. We are also concerned that any proposals to allow residents to travel by any other means than the private car are very weak. This could potentially create many more vehicle journeys with consequent serious effects on air pollution in the area. More emphasis should be given to the need for high quality sustainable transport links to all development sites, including facilities for public transport, walking and cycling.

We look forward to receiving a response to this letter. We do not wish to take part in any public hearing that may take place.

Yours faithfully

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On behalf of Leamington & Warwick Friends of the Earth