

Consultation on Proposed Modifications (2016) Response Form

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Please use this form if you wish to support or object to the Proposed Modifications

This form has two parts:

- Part A – Personal Details
- Part B – Your Representations

If your comments relate to more than one proposed Modification you will need to complete a separate 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 Modifications have been made available (see the table below). You can also respond online using the Council's e Consultation System, visit: www.warwickdc.gov.uk/newlocalplan

Please provide your contact details so that we can get in touch with you regarding your representation(s) during the examination period. Your comments (including contact details) cannot be treated as confidential because the Council is required to make them available for public inspection. If your address details change, please inform us in writing. You may withdraw your objection at any time by writing to Warwick District Council, address below.

All forms should be returned by 4.45pm on Friday 22 April 2016

To return this form, please deliver by hand 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 documents:

Copies of the proposed Modifications, updated Sustainability Appraisal and all supporting documents are available for inspection on the Council's web site at www.warwickdc.gov.uk/newlocalplan and also at the following locations:

- Warwick District Council Offices, Riverside House, Milverton Hill, Royal Leamington Spa;
- Leamington Town Hall, Parade, Royal Leamington Spa
- Warwickshire Direct Whitnash, Whitnash Library, Franklin Road, Whitnash
- Leamington Spa Library, The Pump Rooms, Parade, Royal Leamington Spa
- Warwickshire Direct Warwick, Shire Hall, Market Square, Warwick
- Warwickshire Direct Kenilworth, Kenilworth Library, Smalley Place, Kenilworth
- Warwickshire Direct Lillington, Lillington Library, Valley Road, Royal Leamington Spa
- Brunswick Healthy Living Centre 98-100 Shrubland Street, Royal Leamington Spa
- Finham Community Library, Finham Green Rd, Finham, Coventry, CV3 6EP

Part A - Personal Details

	1. Personal Details*	2. Agent's Details (if applicable)
Title	Professor	
First Name	Jill	
Last Name	Poole	
Job Title (where relevant)		
Organisation (where relevant)		
Address Line 1		
Address Line 2		
Address Line 3		
Address Line 4		
Postcode		
Telephone number		
Email address		

3. Notification of subsequent stages of the Local Plan

Please specify whether you wish to be notified of any of the following:

The submission of the Modifications to the appointed Inspector

Yes No

Publication of the recommendations of any person appointed to carry out an independent examination of the Local Plan

Yes No

The adoption of the Local Plan.

Yes No

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Part B - Your Representations

Please note: this section will need to be completed for each representation you make

4. To which proposed Modification to the Submission Plan or the updated Sustainability Appraisal (SA) does this representation relate?

Modification or SA:	<input type="text" value="Proposed Modification 42 Westwood Heath"/>
Mod. Number:	<input type="text" value="42"/>
Paragraph Number	<input type="text"/>
Mod. Policies Map Number:	<input type="text"/>

5. Do you consider the Local Plan is :

5.1 Legally Compliant? Yes No

5.2 Sound? Yes No

6. If you answered no to question 5.2, do you consider the Proposed Modification is unsound because it is not:

(Please tick)

Positively Prepared:	<input type="checkbox"/>
Justified:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Effective:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Consistent with National Policy:	<input type="checkbox"/>

7. 1. Legal compliance: This a major proposed modification to the original local plan which, because it had been rejected as unsound, has now been pinpointed as ‘the solution’ solely as a result of the Inspector’s reaction to the original plan. There needs to be a proper rationale based on current evidence for the dramatic change in position in a matter of months. The need to respond to the Inspector’s comments has necessitated a ‘rushed’ and incomplete evaluation and contradictory evidential support. The documentation is now so complex that it is difficult for any member of the public to have grappled with it in the time between discovery of this amended proposal (February 2016) and closure of the consultation (22nd April 2016) – and there appears to be missing justification other than general references to notions of ‘collaboration’ and a ‘co-ordinated Masterplan’ which I cannot find here. My concern relates to Coventry and the democratic deficit here. This is a Warwickshire plan that will seriously and negatively impact on Coventry and Coventry rate payers have no means (other than this process – not widely publicised) to input the rush to respond to the Inspector’s initial objections.

2. Unsound: There is no proper joined up evaluation of the consequences of building a sizeable number of houses (initially 425) on farm land (appears to be a working farm – fields ploughed and seeded etc) other than in relation to Warwickshire and its infrastructure. Coventry appears not to have conducted such an evaluation.

8. Westwood Heath is basically a road – with no infrastructure - and in the 7 years I have lived here I’ve seen about 5 buses in total. There are no facilities. This is the countryside. Westwood Heath Road joins Cromwell Lane by means of a double junction which seems to be the only possible junction given the limited space (i.e. a roundabout would seem impossible without house demolition). I understand that 200 plus additional housing is also planned for Cromwell Lane. 9. Given that both roads are used for major volumes of traffic to the University and surrounding areas (avoiding Kenilworth) but also travelling into Coventry – Tile Hill and the massive new Bannerbrook estate in Coventry, it is obvious that the evaluation stops at the point where it 10. addresses the consequences for Warwickshire. There is a vague reference to a link road to the A46 11. (presumably Crackley Lane to Kenilworth) but no details have been supplied and that seems 12. essential for the Warwickshire side. However, there is no mention of the traffic consequences for 13. the University traffic and general traffic at the Coventry side (i.e. Henry Parkes Road and 14. roundabout is already problematic for Coventry with University traffic and Business Park traffic). 15. Please bear in mind that we are probably talking on average 1.5 cars per household (given other 16. infrastructure failings) so that will means an additional 600 cars in the area when traffic jams of at 17. least a mile to Cromwell Lane are common place in rush hour. I cannot get home as it is ! This is the worst part of my journey and I work in central Birmingham!

There is a reference to the train line via Leamington but that is not the issue for Coventry or Westwood Heath. The issue in terms of rail is already acute. Government policy encourages park and ride but Tile Hill station (servicing 2 major businesses on Westwood Heath Road – EON and Network Rail) is already so full very early in the morning that it is impossible to get a space after 7.45 am (sometimes earlier) and there are parking issues in the surrounding area. The car park has been enlarged twice since I have lived here and has no further capacity. This is why I drive.

The infrastructure is a serious issue – and the impacts are largely on the Coventry side whereas the evaluation relates to Warwickshire (because that was the basis on which Warwickshire was proceeding. Indeed, the Warwickshire evaluation recognises the serious infrastructure issues based only on the Warwickshire side of the line. Anything that is done in this area has the potential to impact considerably on the 3rd business on Westwood Heath Road, namely the University – which is similar to a small town.

I would strongly urge planners to reject this proposed modification and undertake a current evaluation of infrastructure in the Westwood Heath area, particularly the Coventry and University impacts. This has to be the current infrastructure since nothing can be done quickly to alleviate the issues on the Coventry side (and indeed as far as I can see there are no detailed plans to alleviate infrastructure deficits on the Warwickshire side either, i.e. no planning for a road, no plans for

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9. If your representation is seeking a change, do you consider it necessary the examination?

Continue on a separate sheet if necessary

No, I do not wish to participate at the oral examination

Yes, I wish to participate at the oral examination

10. If you wish to participate at the oral part of the examination, please outline why you consider this to be necessary:

The democratic deficit in relation to representations to this proposed modification as regards Coventry. No-one is speaking up for the residents of Westwood Heath. I am happy to do so.

Continue on a separate sheet if necessary

Please note: This written representation carries the same weight and will be subject to the same scrutiny as oral Cromwell Lane. HS2 will not help as commuters will need to get to Birmingham representations. The Inspector will determine the most appropriate procedure to adopt to hear those who have indicated that they wish to participate at the oral part of the examination.

11. Declaration

I understand that all comments submitted will be considered in line with this consultation, and that my comments will be made publicly available and may be identifiable to my name/organisation.

Signed:

Jill Poole

Date:

21 April 2016

Copies of all the comments 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.

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