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Dear Sirs

Re: Warwick Local Plan

We write in our capacity as Coventry City councillors, representing Wainbody, a neighbouring ward to Kings Hill.

We were very concerned to see the inclusion of Kings Hill in your local plan as an area for housing development. We note that it is said to be for Coventry's overspill housing (c 4000) that cannot be accommodated within Coventry's own boundaries.

In the Conservative Group, we not only have doubts about the figures supplied, but we would also contend that there are very good reasons why Kings Hill should not be considered for development.

It will remove valuable greenbelt land between Coventry and Kenilworth. This land has a significant environmental role preventing the spread of urban sprawl and cannot be reinstated.

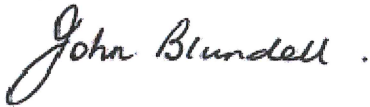
Growth at Kings Hill will also impact on the A46/Stoneleigh Road junction, as well as the A45/Kenilworth Road junction. Any growth west of the A46 must ensure that adequate physical and visual separation is maintained between Coventry and Kenilworth. Capacity of the connecting road systems, the A46 and the A429, already very congested at peak times, will be overwhelmed to the detriment of both locations.

The report says that it relies upon Coventry's infrastructure, yet there is no provision in Coventry's local plan to provide infrastructure outside of its boundaries. This area has previously been considered for development and the plan was declined due to reasons of access. Using Kings Hill Lane, Stoneleigh Road and Green Lane for access was deemed not to be viable by the Government Inspector at this time. Since then, with the

expansion of the University of Warwick and the associated business parks, traffic volumes have markedly increased.

We wish the above comments, together with this letter, to be a formal objection in response to your consultation on your recently published local plan.

Yours faithfully



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Wainbody Ward Councillor



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