

Warwick District Council Local Plan

Consultation on Proposed Modifications (2016)

Modification Policy DSNEW 4

Land east of Kenilworth – The McDaide family, The Hibbert family and Kenilworth Rugby Football Club

Question 7

1. The representation on behalf of the McDaide Family; The Hibbert Family and KRFC is that Policy DSNEW 4 is sound and consistent with national planning policy in allocating land for a change of use in the Green Belt for the provision for outdoor sport.
2. There is a substantial requirement for the provision of enhanced sporting facilities to meet the needs of KRFC, as has been demonstrated in the past submissions to the LPA within the emerging local plan process. These enhancements are sought now, and are increased by the proposals for an enlarged resident population within Kenilworth. The allocations in the Local Plan effectively establish the principle of a change of use of land in the Green Belt for the purposes of providing an opportunity for the enhancement and potential relocation of sports pitches, on land that is primarily allocated for residential development to meet the wider public interest. Properly, the provision of 'appropriate facilities' is a matter that can be addressed within the development management function, pursuant to national planning policy set out in the Framework (89).