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Hello,
Please see below a response to the current Net Zero Carbon Development Plan Document consultation from Leamington Spa Town Council.

I would greatly appreciate it if you could confirm receipt of this response.

Regards,

Stephen

Leamington Spa Town Council response to Net Zero Carbon Development Plan Document consultation
7th September 2021.

Leamington Spa Town Council supports the draft Net Zero Carbon Development Plan Document (DPD).

The aspiration to achieve net zero carbon emissions in the District in the coming years is a hugely challenging one. Taking full advantage of the opportunities for achieving zero / very low carbon emissions in new development will be essential if new development is not going to add significant additional carbon emissions to current levels and thus make the task of achieving net zero carbon even more difficult.

The proposed DPD will strengthen local policy in relation to carbon emissions and will help drive the delivery of low/zero carbon technologies in the district and help the development and improvement of zero/low carbon construction approaches.

It is noted that the relevant policies will apply to changes of use and conversions where planning permission is involved. Given that there may be significant differences in approach to conversions as opposed to new build, we wonder whether there could be more information / detail in relation to achieving the standards in the case of conversions.

With regards to viability, if the requirements of the policies are challenged on viability grounds, it would be helpful to understand how the zero carbon requirements will be balanced with other planning requirements.

Where carbon offsetting is required / allowed as part of the policy implementation, this should be done in a way which genuinely achieves reduced emissions in the long term and can be verified to do so.

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