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Dear Sirs

Re LOCAL PLAN


We are writing to express our concern over the proposed Local Plan, in particular the housing planned along the Banbury Road; Locations 2 and 3 on your map.

Our Trust was formed to ensure the well-being and setting of Warwick Castle Park, and we share the current owner's concern that the proposed housing will blight the setting to the immediate east of the Park.

We are encouraged to note that the Preferred Option for the Built Environment (Policy PO10) calls on the principles of sustainable garden towns, for which the policy adopted by Ebenezer Howard included wide and green approaches to the town centres, eg Welwyn Garden City. We would therefore ask that this policy is adopted for the Banbury Road, and specifically to include a 30m wide shelter belt of trees along the whole stretch of the Banbury Road from Gallows Hill to Grays Mallory, thus obscuring unsightly housing development from road users and from the users of the Park itself.

We feel that this feature is particularly important in maintaining the image of Warwick as a pleasant and welcoming town for the huge number of visitors, all of whom who contribute significantly to its economic viability.

Yours faithfully



Sir John Egan

Chairman

Cc Mr Chris Taylor

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