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Dear Sir

I wish to object to the New Local Plan and enclose a copy of my overall statement which is summarized below;

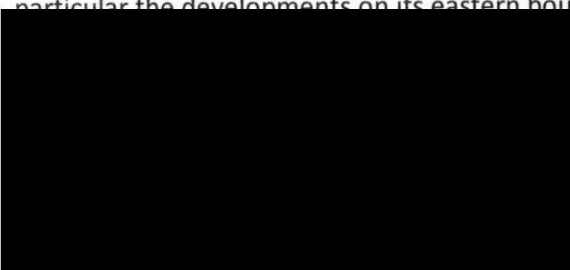
Overall Statement made by Hazel Fryer, Parklands Consortium Ltd On behalf of C and S Taylor LLP

Objections to preferred Option PO4

On behalf of my client C and S Taylor, the owners of Warwick Castle Park, I object to Warwick District Council's Housing allocation of land to the south of Gallows Hill and to the West of Europa Way which is included within Policy PO4 option 3. This is for a total of 1600 homes, employment, open space and community facilities. It is an intensive and dominant scale of development. This proposed housing allocation will be directly abutting the boundary of the historic parkland, Warwick Castle Park, (registered grade 1), and stretches the entire length of the eastern perimeter that is bounded by the Banbury Road.

Any development placed next to the Banbury Road would be extremely detrimental to the setting and character of Warwick Castle Park. As part of the history of Warwick Castle Park, it is apparent that the new line of the Banbury Road enlarged the park by an additional two hundred acres so that in 1791 it covered 751 acres. The final section of the new road avoiding Bridge End and entering Warwick by the new bridge was carried out between 1788 and 1793. In the process of enlarging the park a section of the old road was flooded and a new larger lake, New Waters, was formed, and this extended across the new road. The pool created to the east of the Banbury Road and the associated planting formed part of the park itself. The second earl, George Greville was responsible for the enlargement of the park and planned the approach to the castle as a sequence of views. Commencing with the spire of St Nicholas Church which can be seen at the centre of the line of the road, the features of the town gradually unfold terminating with the panorama of the castle and the town which was finally revealed from the new Castle bridge. The magnificence of this unusual sequence of views would be irreversibly changed if development was permitted in this location.

I have provided in a separate document details of the history of Warwick Castle Park and in particular the developments on its eastern boundary and new features including New Waters and



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