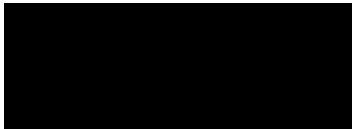


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For the attention of Coventry City Council

RE: Plan for new housing and development

I write to express my grave concerns and object to the contents of the new housing and development plan for Coventry.

The plan includes housing allocations near important Local Wildlife Sites (LWS) and green corridors such as the Coundon Wedge, Coventry Canal and River Sowe, and doesn't go far enough in terms of Biodiversity Net Gain targets.

I am extremely concerned about the plan for the following reasons:-

- **The plan has not been positively prepared**
The plan does not positively consider wildlife, green infrastructure, and biodiversity. Furthermore, it has failed to include a recommended 20% Biodiversity Net Gain, and the Tree Canopy Target has been removed.
- **The plan is not properly justified**
The Plan and Sustainability Appraisal have not considered alternative sites in enough detail, away from Local Wildlife Sites and environment assets. Allocations are also on land within the Green Belt.
- **Policy GE1 and EM1 Climate Change**
The Green and Blue Infrastructure evidence is out of date, and it is not enough to rely on the Local Nature Recovery Strategy which is at a very early stage.
- **Policy GE3**
This is incorrect. It should refer to 'Local Wildlife Sites' and 'Potential Local Wildlife Sites', and it should say 'and enhance' and be more ambitious.

Warwickshire Wildlife Trust has reiterated that in terms of Policy AC4 and Active Transport Provision, the plan needs to ensure it is balancing wildlife and transport needs.
- **Green and Blue Infrastructure**
The plan does not consider wider Green and Blue Infrastructure issues and opportunities for enhancement and the Wildlife Trust's 'Wildbelt policy'.
- **National Planning Policy Framework**
The plan is not consistent with National Planning Policy Framework as it includes sites within the Green Belt without a detailed review **and** sites near to designated

Local Wildlife Sites: this is contrary to national policy and Habitat and NERC laws.

In recent years the mass destruction of our greenbelt land has put huge pressure on the remaining green corridors and infrastructure. Large scale housing developments on previously protected greenbelt land, together with the destruction caused by HS2 and developments in neighbouring administrative areas, means we are now reaching a critical breaking point.

I DO NOT WANT TO BE REMEMBERED AS THE GENERATION THAT DESTROYED OUR LOCAL ENVIRONMENT FOREVER. STOP DESTROYING OUR COUNTRYSIDE!

Yours faithfully

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