

Warwick District Local Plan 1996 - 2011
Topic Response Analysis – Revised Draft Deposit Version

Topic: User Guide

Summary of matters raised in objections.

1. There is concern that some parts of the user guide are superfluous due to the status of the plan prior to adoption and the SPD (The Warwick Society ref: 66/RAB). It is suggested that the plan should clarify the status of the Local Plan 1995 – 2001 and the emerging plan and be amended in light of the SPD.
2. Objects to use of ambiguous wording in some parts of the plan which does not give the required certainty for local people For example the use of the word 'significantly' in policy SSP7 and in Para 5.41A of the reasoned justification (James Mackay ref: 199/RAF).
3. Para 2.8 should revert to the original wording in order to reflect the importance of the plan led system (Tesco Stores Ltd ref: 350/RAB).

Response of Head of Planning & Engineering to matters raised

1. The wording of the user guide needs to be relevant for the lifespan of the plan. For this reason it would be inappropriate to refer to the weight or timescale for documents which may change or will be superceded once the plan is adopted. The SPD has been approved by the Council for use in decision making but can not be legally adopted until the Local Plan has been adopted.
2. It is not accepted that the wording of some parts of the plan is ambiguous. Every effort has been made to ensure the style is clear and reflects the approach of the new planning system. This specific example is dealt with through topic SSP7.
3. Although this list is not intended to indicate the degree of weight which will be given to each factor it is agreed that for clarity the paragraph should be amended to more reflect the original wording.

Recommended revision (s)

1. No change required.
2. No change required.
3. Amend Para 2.8 to state 'Planning applications are determined primarily against policies in the development plan'. The following points are assessed and considered when determining a planning application:-
 - policies contained within supplementary planning guidance and supplementary planning documents.etc