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# Preferred Options

Executive Summary

Warwick District Council May 2012

# Introduction

This booklet details all our preferred options – pulling them altogether in to one easily accessible place. However, it does not explain the justification for the Preferred Options - to see the justification please read the Full Version.



Our approach can be summarised as one which:

- Plans positively for growth and meets the District's housing need by allocating areas of land for new mixed developments.
- Distributes new development across the edge of towns and main settlements, including a significant proportion of greenfield sites due to the very limited availability of brownfield sites within our towns
- Provides employment land close to new housing and undertakes further work to assess the impacts of a regionally important employment site close to the

- boundary with Coventry Supports the future vitality and sustainability of villages by including development sites in or adjacent to some villages and relaxing some of the current restrictions on development in villages
- Maintains and protects the vast majority of the District's Green Belt whilst recognising that the District's growth cannot be accommodated entirely outside the Green Belt
- Maintains and protects the District's historic environment
- Seeks to ensure new development is designed to enhance the environment of our built up areas at the same time as providing buildings,

spaces and facilities that work for people – enabling people to live healthy, safe and inclusive lives

- Seeks to ensure that open spaces, access to the countryside and habitats are improved
- Seeks to ensure that road infrastructure and other physical infrastructure (such as schools) is improved to reduce the need to travel and to enable improvements to quality of life for all

All these aspects need to work together to ensure we deliver the sustainable development that the District needs over the next 15 years.

## PO1 Preferred Option: Level of Growth

Our preferred option for the level of growth between 2011 and 2029 is 10,800 dwellings, an annual average of 600 new homes each year.

## PO2 Preferred Option: Community Infrastructure Levy

Our preferred option is to develop a Community Infrastructure Levy Scheme alongside the development of the Local Plan

# Delivering Growth: Our Preferred Options

## PO3 Preferred Option: Broad Location of Growth

It is the Council's Preferred Option to:

- concentrate growth within, and on the edge of, the existing urban areas
- avoid development in locations which could potentially lead to the coalescence of settlements
- distribute growth across the District, including within and/or on the edge of some villages
- allow for a hierarchy of growth in the rural area to include:
  - a higher level of growth in those villages with a broad range of services and public transport to the towns, and
  - a lower level of growth in some smaller villages in order to meet local need and help support existing services



PO4 Preferred Option: Distribution of Sites for Housing

A. Allocated Sites

The following sites will be allocated for housing or mixed use development. The Council will work with developers and the local community to bring forward sustainable developments in attractive surroundings under the principles of Garden Suburbs. Larger sites will include the full range of supporting uses including open space, schools, shops, community and health facilities and, in some cases, employment.

Within the Urban Areas

Site	No of dwellings	Phase	Use: see key below
Warwickshire College, Leamington Spa	300	3	Ho/OS
Ridgeway School, Montague Road, Warwick	80	1	Ho/OS
Leamington Fire Station, Leamington Spa	50	1	Ho/OS
Riverside House, Leamington Spa	50	3	Ho/OS
TOTAL	480		



On the edge of Warwick, Leamington Spa & Whitnash

Site	No of dwellings	Phase	Use: see key below
Myton Garden Suburb (North of Gallows Hill/ West of Europa Way), Warwick	1100	1 & 2	Ho/Emp/OS/Com
South of Gallows Hill/ West of Europa Way, Warwick	1600	2 & 3	Ho/Emp/OS/Com
North of Milverton, Leamington Spa	810	2 & 3	Ho/Emp/OS/Com
Blackdown	1170	2 & 3	Ho/Emp/OS/Com
Whitnash East (South of Sydenham	650	2 & 3	Ho/OS/Com
Woodside Farm (South of Whitnash)	250	1	Ho/OS
Red House Farm (East of Lillington)	200	2	Ho/OS
Warwick Gates Employment Land (Junction of Harbury Lane/ Heathcote Lane)	200	1	Ho/OS
Loes Farm (North of Woodloes)	180	2	Ho/OS
Fieldgate Lane/ Golf Lane, Whitnash	90	1	Ho/OS
TOTAL	6250		

On the edge of Kenilworth

Site	No of dwellings	Phase	Use: see key below
Thickthorn	770	1 & 2	Ho/Emp/OS/Com
TOTAL	770		

Key to uses in above tables:

Ho Housing Emp Employment

OS Open Space

Com Community Facilities (Shops, Schools, Health & Community facilities)

Strategic sites of over 500 dwellings will be the subject of a Development Brief prepared jointly by the Council and developers and in consultation with the community.

## B. Category 1 and 2 Villages

The Council will work with Parish Councils to define the boundaries of village envelopes. In the case of villages within the Green Belt, land within the village envelope will be removed from the Green Belt to enable development to take place.

Category 1 Villages	Dwellings Phases 1,2 & 3	Category 2 Villages	Dwellings Phases 1,2 & 3
Barford	100	Cubbington	30 - 80
Bishop's Tachbrook	100	Hatton	30 - 80
Hampton Magna	100	Leek Wootton	30 - 80
Lapworth	100	Norton Lindsey	30 - 80
Radford Semele	100	Rowington	30 - 80
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>500</b>	Shrewley	30 - 80
		Burton Green	30 - 80
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>about 350</b>

## C. Development on Brownfield Land

The Council's preferred option is that proposals for housing development and conversions to dwellings will normally be permitted on previously developed land in the following areas, subject to the proposals having no serious impact upon the amenity and environment of their surroundings:

- The built up areas of Warwick, Leamington Spa, Whitnash and Kenilworth
- Within the village envelopes of the category 1 and 2 villages
- Within the built up areas of the following Category 3 villages, subject to the need to protect the character and scale of the village:

### Category 3 Villages

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Baddesley Clinton  
Baginton  
Bubbenhall  
Eathorpe  
Hampton on the Hill  
Offchurch  
Stoneleigh

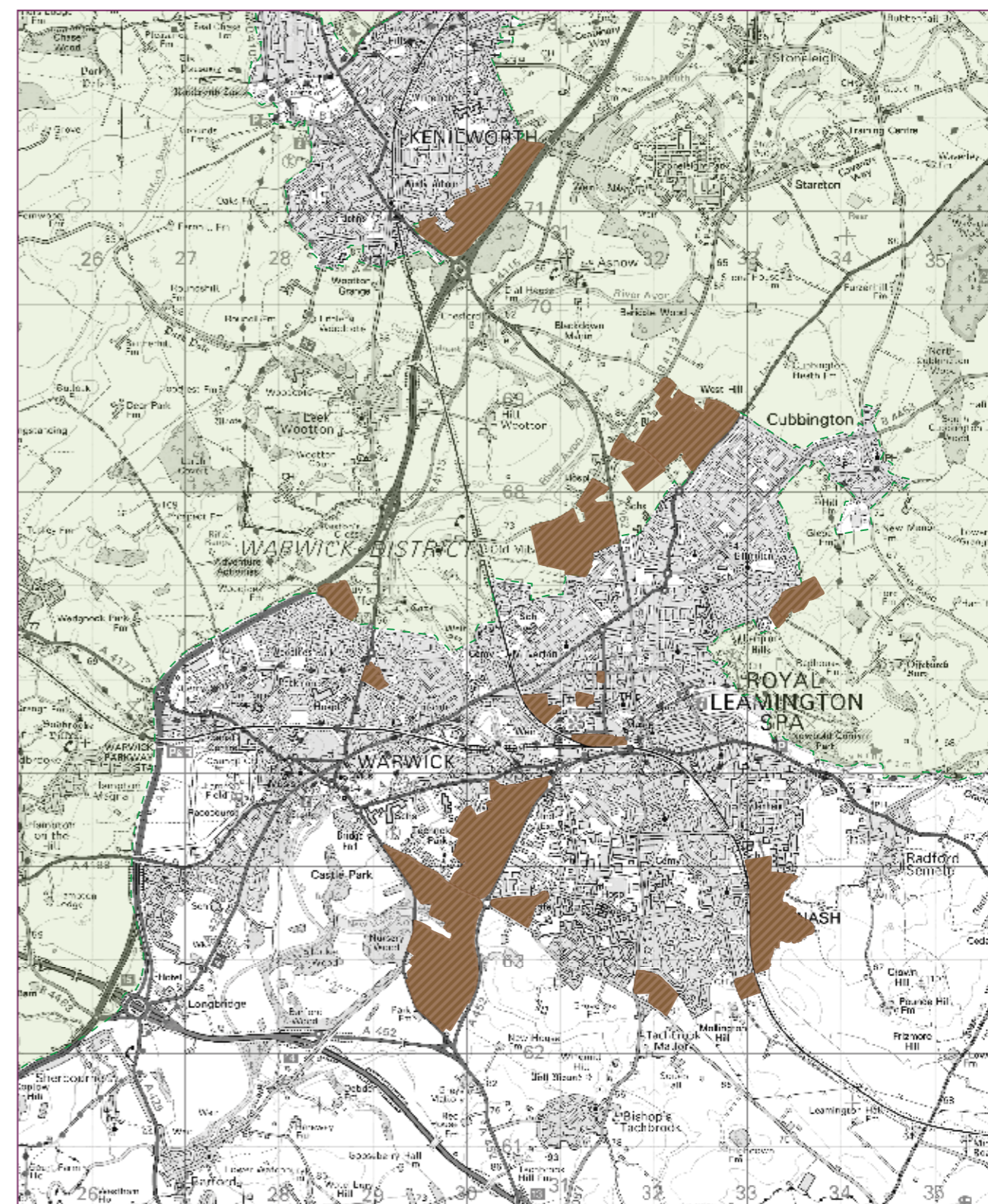
## D. Development on Greenfield Land

The Council's preferred option is that housing development on greenfield land, other than the sites allocated in the plan, will not normally be permitted unless

- it is for affordable housing
- it is a home for a rural worker where there is a clear functional need for the person to be readily available on the site at all times.
- It is the conversion of a rural building which is located within, or on the edge of a settlement with at least one community facility.
- It is infill development within the existing built up areas of villages, to meet local housing need, and brought forward through Neighbourhood Plans or Community Right to Build Orders

Development on garden land will not normally be permitted unless the development reinforces, or harmonises with, the established character of the street and/or locality and respects surrounding buildings in terms of scale, height, form and massing.

## Development Sites - Preferred Option (Urban Fringe)



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# Development Sites

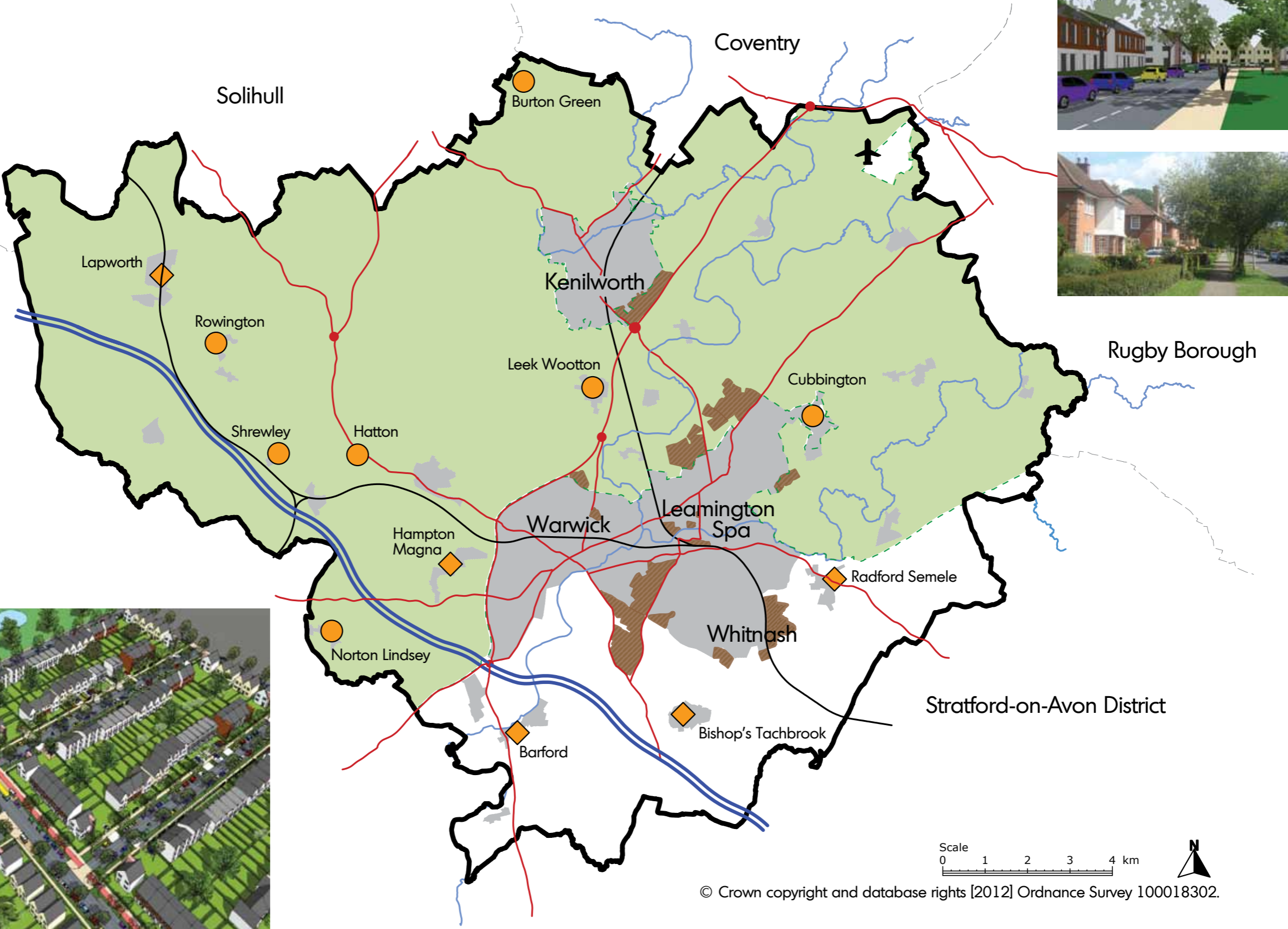
Key

Green Belt

Preferred Development Sites

Category 1 Villages

Category 2 Villages



## PO5 Preferred Option: Affordable Housing

### Affordable Housing on Housing Development Sites

Our Preferred Option is to require that 40% of new homes on developments of 10 or more dwellings in the urban areas, and 5 or more dwellings in the rural areas, will meet the need for affordable housing as identified in the latest Strategic Housing Market Assessment or Local Housing Needs Assessment.

The policy will apply to developments of self-contained units of accommodation including specialist homes for older people.

In order to take into consideration the different nature of development sites and locations within the District, as well as changing market conditions, the Council may in exceptional circumstances take a flexible approach to the policy in terms of:

- the number of affordable units, where there is clear and detailed evidence that the site has particular constraints, the costs of which, along with the full provision of affordable housing, would result in a development which is not viable
- the practicality of providing the homes on-site, rather than off-site or through a financial contribution

The policy will also set out ways in which the Council will ensure that the affordable housing:

- meets the affordable housing needs of the District in terms of size, type and tenure
- is genuinely affordable in relation to housing costs and local household incomes
- is retained as affordable housing in perpetuity
- is appropriately integrated into the whole site
- meets certain standards of internal and external design

### Affordable Housing on Rural Exception Sites

Our preferred option is to allow the development of small schemes of affordable housing, to meet an identified local need, in village locations where housing development would not normally be permitted. This exception to housing policy will be dependent upon:

- the scheme being located within, or adjacent to, a settlement with a reasonable level of services
- evidence of a local need for affordable housing which cannot be met in any other way
- the number, sizes and types of homes reflecting local need as identified in an up to date local needs assessment
- the housing being provided in perpetuity to households with a local connection

In circumstances where there is evidence that a rural exception scheme cannot be adequately funded, the Council will give consideration to the inclusion in the scheme of some market homes to cross-subsidise the affordable homes subject to:

- the market homes representing not more than 30% of the overall number of dwellings
- the type and size of the market homes meeting the local need as evidenced in a local needs assessment
- financial evidence of the need for market homes to cross subsidise the affordable homes

## PO6 Preferred Option: Mixed Communities and a Wide Choice of Homes

### A. General Market Housing

Policies for the mix of housing will ensure that house sizes and types meet the needs identified in the latest Strategic Housing Market Assessment.

### B. Lifetime Homes

At least 10% of homes on sites of 50 or more dwellings should be built to Lifetime Home standards

### C. Homes for Older People

All strategic sites will include Extra Care Housing schemes located close to local facilities. Proposals for Retirement Villages and Continuing Care Retirement Schemes will need to meet locational criteria and be accompanied by evidence that the homes/ bed spaces meet the needs of the community

### D. Student Accommodation & Houses in Multiple Occupation

New student accommodation/ HMOs will be required to meet locational criteria to ensure they are not located in areas which already have a high concentration of such accommodation

## PO7 Preferred Option: Gypsies and Travellers

Our Preferred Option is to bring forward site(s) under a Gypsy and Traveller Sites Allocation Development Plan Document, using the following policy criteria:

- Convenient access to a GP surgery, school, and public transport;
- Avoiding areas with a high risk of flooding;
- Safe access to the road network and provision for parking, turning and servicing on site;
- Avoiding areas where there is the potential for noise and other disturbance;
- Provision of utilities (running water, toilet facilities, waste disposal, etc);
- Avoiding areas where there could be adverse impact on important features of the natural and historic environment; and,
- Sites which can be integrated into the landscape without harming the character of the area.

Site development will accord with national guidance on site design and facility provision.



## PO8 Preferred Option: Economy

Our preferred option to ensure the availability of a wide range of employment land and buildings to meet the needs of businesses into the future by:

- Supporting the delivery of priorities set out in the Council's emerging Economic Development and Regeneration Strategy
- Supporting the continued growth of knowledge industries and the low carbon economy within the district whilst maintaining a diverse broad based economy to ensure all sectors of employment are provided for.
- Allocating a proportion of land at the following strategic sites (See Map on page 7) for Employment uses:
  - Land at Thickthorn, between Kenilworth and the A46
  - Land South of Warwick and Leamington to the west of Europa Way
  - Land North of Leamington at North Milverton and Blackdown
- Protecting existing employment land and buildings from changes to other uses unless there is evidence that it is not suitable to accommodate projected needs.
- Developing a policy framework to support appropriate development at identified Major Developed Sites in the Green Belt which may include site specific policies for Stoneleigh Park, the University of Warwick, Coventry Airport and the Former Honiley Airfield.
- Enabling the regeneration and enhancement of existing employment areas through the potential identification of dedicated Employment Regeneration Zones.
- Enabling the growth of appropriate rural businesses and diversification of the rural economy.
- Working with partners in the Coventry and Warwickshire sub-region to explore the case for land within the District at the Coventry and Warwickshire Gateway Site being identified as a site of regional importance for employment to serve the regeneration needs of the Coventry and Warwickshire sub region.

## PO9 Preferred Option: Retailing and Town Centres

Our Preferred Option is to incorporate retail and town centre policies to:

- Identify a clearly defined local retail hierarchy, and strategies for the District's network of town and local centres (including rural shops);
- Apply the 'town centres first' message at the heart of Government retail policy advice that will be central to promoting the vitality and viability of the district's town centres. Town centres will be the focus for retail development and the Council will plan positively for their growth and development in accordance with their particular role within the network of town and local centres;
- Support the addition of a major retail -led development scheme in Leamington Town Centre, in accordance with the identified need/evidence within the retail study;
- Define the extent of town centres and primary shopping areas, based on a clear definition of primary and secondary retail frontages in designated centres, and set policies that make clear which uses will be permitted in such locations;
- Strongly resist out-of-centre retail development unless it can be proven that there will be no adverse impacts on other town/ local centres in the catchment area;
- Review the existing town centre opportunity sites to reconsider their regeneration potential;
- Provide a framework for more detailed area action plans to be prepared with the local community and businesses in those centres where significant change or conservation is needed. These plans will identify the distribution of uses, and their inter-relationships, including specific allocations to meet the need for new retail, leisure and office floorspace within the town centres.
- Protect rural shops and services, by allocating housing development in Category one villages and also by restricting the change of use of existing shops and services. This will help to support existing shops or may even lead to the creation of new outlets (see Policies for the Distribution of New Housing above).

## PO10 Preferred Option: Built Environment

Our Preferred Option is to:

- **Promote and deliver high quality design** through including policies to protect and enhance the built environment. This will include utilising the principles of sustainable Garden Towns, Suburbs and Villages and reference to the prospectus commissioned by the Council to guide developers and inform decisions on planning applications
- **Protect and enhance the historic environment**, with particular reference to the principles of garden towns, suburbs and villages where appropriate (see also Historic Environment - PO11)
- **Promote and deliver inclusive communities** (see PO4, PO5, PO6 and PO13)
- **Protect, enhance and link the natural environment** through policies to encourage appropriate design of the built environment and set out a framework for subsequent more detailed design guidance to ensure physical access for all groups to the natural environment (see also Green Infrastructure – PO15)
- **Provide secure, safe and accessible places** to promote community safety (see Inclusive, Safe and Healthy Communities – PO13)
- **Adapt for the effects of climate change** (see PO12 and PO18)  
**Reduce energy use and other resource use, reduce emissions, design for adaptability and promote the development of renewable energy resources** (see PO12)
- **Encourage sustainable waste management** by ensuring that the design of new development takes into account the need for bin/compost storage, access to recycling and kerbside collections.

## PO11 Preferred Option: Historic Environment

Our preferred option is to work with property owners and other stakeholders in the historic environment to both protect the historic environment and ensure its economic viability for future generations. This will be achieved in the following ways:

- Ensure understanding of the significance of all Heritage Assets, by
  - the provision of appropriate research for the submission of all applications relating to the historic environment.
  - submission of nationally important historic assets for listing.
  - Reviewing Conservation Area
  - Recognising other local assets through Local Lists.
- All reviews should be done in consultation with the public in order to bring a shared understanding of why assets and areas are being designated.
- Offer help and advice and seek to disseminate information about the historic environment by offering guidance to stakeholders, producing new leaflets and reviewing existing guidance leaflets, promoting events which make the historic environment accessible to all
- Protect the historic environment from inappropriate development, by
  - Including policies which protect Scheduled Ancient Monuments, Listed Buildings, Conservation Areas, Historic Parks and Gardens, and locally designated Historic Assets.
  - Developing guidance as to the interpretation of policies in line with the National Planning Policy Framework.
  - Agreeing Article 4 Directions which will be reviewed or introduced as appropriate
  - Using enforcement powers to control inappropriate development or maintenance of Historic Assets.
- Encourage appropriate regeneration of the historic environment and high quality new buildings on appropriate sites within the historic environment by
  - Developing policies which support sustainable development and high quality design
  - providing appropriate advice to stakeholders
  - Being flexible about new uses where they bring listed buildings back into use encouraging their survival and maintenance

## PO12 Preferred Option: Climate Change

The Preferred option is to develop a policy framework to support the reduction of carbon emissions within the District and ensure that buildings are resilient to the potential impacts of Climate Change in the following ways:

### Preferred Option: Achieving Sustainable Buildings

- To support opportunities to reduce carbon emissions in the existing building stock.
- To adopt a requirement that seeks a 20% reduction in carbon emissions from development to include a contribution from renewable and low carbon technologies. It is proposed that this requirement would be applied to residential developments of 1 dwelling or over and non residential developments of 100sqm or over.
- In terms of achieving sustainable construction, to require new residential development to meet standards set out in the Code for Sustainable Homes and non residential developments to meet BREEAM standards.

### Preferred Option: Planning for Renewable energy and Low Carbon Generation

To develop a policy framework to support proposals for the development of appropriate low carbon and renewable energy infrastructure. To ensure that opportunities for large scale renewables and district heating are considered as part of the master planning of strategic sites.

### Preferred Option: Climate Change Adaptation

To include a policy on Climate Change Adaptation to require that new development is designed to be resilient to and adapt to the future impacts of Climate Change.

## PO13 Preferred Option: Inclusive, Safe & Healthy Communities

Our preferred option is to:

- deliver community safety and reduce crime and anti-social behaviour through the appropriate design and location of new development
- where appropriate, undertake community safety measures at specific locations. This may be best achieved by working with communities through the development of specific area action plans or supplementary planning documents
- require new large scale housing development to provide levels of open space and provisions for sport to meet community needs and create inclusive communities. It will be important to maximise linkages and access to the wider countryside for recreational purposes for all
- protect and improve the quality of existing open spaces in the District and to enhance both the quantity and quality of open space provision as the towns and villages grow over the plan period
- contribute to the provision of facilities for sport to enable good levels of access for the public
- provide/ require improvements to existing children's and young people's play areas as well as the provision of new facilities in conjunction with new developments.

## PO14 Preferred Option: Transport

### Access to services and facilities:

Our Preferred Option is to enable access to services and facilities that people need through the right location of housing and employment sites and through the provision of effective transport infrastructure.

### Preferred Option: Sustainable forms for transport:

Our Preferred Option is to minimise the need to travel and to promote sustainable forms of transport (such as walking, cycling and public transport), by

- ensuring that new housing neighbourhoods have close access to a range of key facilities either within the development or within a short walk (e.g 15 minutes);
- focusing the location of new housing neighbourhoods on the fringe of existing urban areas or within/ adjacent to villages that have key services such as a shop, school and are served by public transport
- ensuring opportunities for people to work close to home are available by encouraging super-fast broadband across the District;
- by locating new employment areas to enable inclusive and sustainable access to jobs from
- encouraging, through infrastructure levies on new development, the provision of improved public transport to existing employment areas.

### Preferred Option: Provision of Transport infrastructure

Our Preferred Option is to ensure mitigation against the negative transport impacts (such as additional congestion, impact on air quality) of new development by requiring developers to contribute to transport infrastructure improvements (for example road junction improvements, rail improvements, cycle networks, park & ride and bus services), ensuring this infrastructure improves safety, is convenient and affordable and minimise the impact of transport on climate change (e.g supporting alternative fuels) and where relevant to prepare a Transport Impact Assessment and Travel Plan.

We will safeguard land close to potential transport infrastructure improvement sites, as identified in the transport section of the Infrastructure Plan, to ensure appropriate schemes can be brought forward. Whenever possible we will ensure new infrastructure brings local benefits, helps with integration of different transport modes, improves existing infrastructure and minimises impact on the environment.

### Preferred Option: Parking

Our preferred option is to review the Vehicle Parking Standards supplementary planning document (2007) in light of the National Planning Policy Framework to:

- ensure that sufficient car parking is provided to allow for convenient and safe parking
- maintain sufficient parking in town centres so as not to undermine their vitality,
- ensure that the level of provision of other non-residential car parking limits the number of additional car journeys, whilst ensuring that such car parking is in appropriate and safe locations (for instance by providing and encouraging use of park and ride facilities) and
- provide for high quality, convenient and secure cycle parking.

### Preferred Option: Rural Transport

Our Preferred Option is to support a choice of effective and affordable transport options for people who live in rural areas by locating new development in villages with an existing bus service (see PO4 for details of which villages this applies to).

### Preferred Option: High Speed 2 Rail Line

Our preferred option is to not to support or make provision for the High Speed 2 rail line and to encourage the Government to invest in existing rail infrastructure.

## PO15 Preferred Option: Green Infrastructure

### District Wide Strategic Green Infrastructure

Our preferred option in relation to Strategic GI is to protect, enhance and restore the strategic network and associated assets as identified in the Warwick District Green Infrastructure Study 2010 and any future updates to this study. Furthermore, the Council will support the creation strategic green infrastructure through the promotion of Strategic GI opportunities as identified in the Warwick District GI Delivery Assessment and any future opportunities such as improvements to the River Avon corridor or Whitnash Brook and emerging opportunities such as the restoration of the Kenilworth Mere.

### Local Green Infrastructure

At the local level Green Infrastructure requirements should be identified on an individual site basis, based on an understanding of the existing green infrastructure provision; requirements for open & green space as set out in the Inclusive, Safe & Healthy Communities section; and the opportunities for appropriate creation, enhancement and restoration of local and strategic GI assets.

### Sub Regional Green Infrastructure

The Council will continue to support the preparation of the emerging Coventry, Solihull and Warwickshire Green Infrastructure Strategy. This will ensure that biodiversity is planned at a landscape scale, enhancing linkages and restoring fragmented habitats, access to large scale natural green spaces and improvements to landscape character.

### Development Proposals

Development will only be permitted which protects and enhances important green infrastructure assets and positively contributes to the character and quality of its natural and historic environment through good habitat/ landscape design and management.

Development proposals should take a positive, integrated approach to designing green infrastructure on site, particularly urban extensions, utilising the Council's preferred approach to new sustainable garden suburbs with enhancements to key landscape features and the wider GI network.

### Biodiversity Offsetting

All development proposals will be expected to avoid negative impacts on existing biodiversity. Where this is not possible, mitigation measures should be identified, if these are not possible on site, then these should be offset elsewhere as compensation measure. An appropriate ecological assessment should be undertaken to demonstrate this based on the sub regional approach to biodiversity offsetting and the options for offsetting should be informed by the Coventry, Solihull & Warwickshire Green Infrastructure strategy. The result of this approach is to ensure development secures net gains in biodiversity.

### Green Wedges

The Council will identify and protect a network of green wedges important for their ecological, landscape and/ or access functions in the setting of differing urban areas and urban rural fringe. It is intended that this approach will replace the existing policy of Areas of Restraint in the Local Plan 1996 – 2011.

## PO16 Preferred Option: Green Belt

Our preferred option for the Green Belt is to:

### A. Alter the existing boundary in the following locations in order to accommodate development:

- to the east of Kenilworth,
- to the north of Warwick and Leamington Spa,
- east of Lillington, and
- around Cubbington

### B. Remove the following villages from the Green Belt and draw new Green Belt boundaries around the settlements to allow for development:

- Hampton Magna
- Hatton
- Lapworth
- Leek Wootton
- Norton Lindsey
- Rowington
- Shrewley
- Burton Green

### C. Protect the Green Belt from inappropriate development but allow for limited development in the following circumstances where the proposals do not conflict with the purposes of including the land within the Green Belt:

- Replacement buildings which are not materially larger than the ones they replace
- Rural affordable housing or housing brought forward under a Community Right to Build Order
- Housing, within the existing built up area of a village, to meet local housing needs and brought forward through a Neighbourhood Plan
- Farm diversification schemes
- Limited infilling, on previously-developed land, in Category 3 villages and in existing major developed sites in the Green Belt

**PO17 Preferred Option: Culture and Tourism**

The sustainable development of new visitor attractions and cultural assets will be supported where it can be demonstrated that there is a need and the location is appropriate.

**Tourism**

Our preferred option in relation to tourism is to set out a strategic policy supporting the appropriate development of tourism and visitor accommodation. The Council's preferred option to support tourism is to protect existing visitor accommodation within or adjoining the District's three town centres unless it can be demonstrated that the use is no longer viable or suitable. Within the urban areas, new visitor accommodation will be directed to the town centres.

In the rural area, the development of new buildings for visitor accommodation will be considered favourably in locations which are accessible to visitors by means other than the private car and can be developed sensitively in the rural area. Outside of these locations, new visitor accommodation will not be permitted, however, the conversion of appropriate rural buildings will be permitted where they are of small scale or a low intensity and would will not harm the character of the rural area. Extensions to visitor accommodation in the rural area will only be permitted where these do not significantly intensify the used of the site or establish new uses which are not ancillary to the normal business of the visitor accommodation.

**Culture**

Our preferred option in relation to culture is to set out a strategic policy supporting the appropriate development of cultural facilities and attractions that positively shape places and the public realm. This includes:

- Continuing to support the development of the cultural quarter in Leamington Spa as identified as Opportunity Site D in the Local Plan 1996 – 2011.
- Seeking contributions towards cultural facilities in conjunction with new development where appropriate.
- Seeking contributions towards the provision of new works of art as part of new development and ensuring it is integrated into development at an early stage.

Furthermore, for the rural areas, the following Local Plan 1996 -2011 will be carried forward:

RAP13 Directing New Outdoor Sport and Recreation Development

RAP14 Golf Facilities

RAP15 Camping & Caravanning Sites

**PO18 Preferred Option: Flooding and Water**

**Preferred Option: Flooding**

New development will take place on sites outside flood risk zones as far as practicable:

- controlling development within flood risk areas and the types of development which may be considered
- assessing opportunities to facilitate the relocation of development, and
- the incorporation of measures to address flood risk from all new developments, such as sustainable urban drainage systems (SUDS)

This accords with the NPPF and the Stage One Strategic Flood Risk Assessment

**Preferred Option: Water Supply**

Ensuring that suppliers are able to provide an adequate supply of water to meet demand and minimise water stress by developing a policy framework to reduce water use in new development.

**Preferred Option: Water Conservation and Efficiency**

To adopt standards for water conservation and efficiency set out in the Code for Sustainable Homes and require the inclusion of SUDS schemes as part of new development. The Draft Infrastructure Delivery Plan will include details of the required infrastructure to meet the above.



# Next steps, comments and feedback

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This forms part of Warwick District Council's consultation on its Preferred Options for a new Local Plan. The consultation period runs from 1 June to 27 July.

If you have any comments, you can use the response form available at:

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