

WARWICK DISTRICT LOCAL PLAN EXAMINATION

INDEPENDENT EXAMINATION

MATTER 1 – DUTY TO CO-OPERATE

We have previously submitted comments and we would wish these to be brought to the attention of the Inspector at the Examination.

We do feel that the Plan is premature and that the Council have not fully complied with their obligations and duty to co-operate. It is clear from other work and other papers which have emerged that relationships with, in particular Coventry, have not been interrogated to the level they should and that the detailed work needs to be undertaken before the Plan can be finalised. Circumstantially, there does seem to be a lack of co-operation between the authorities within the HMA and we would support fully the questions that have been put by the Inspector in the paper circulated on the 13th March. The problems in providing sufficient land to facilitate the Coventry Local Plan illustrate the lack of a co-ordinated approach and there are other studies which have not been concluded which are relevant to this matter. In particular, the fact that there is a Green Belt Review underway and which should be published soon or, if it has been published, it was after the Plan was submitted, insufficient regard has been taken to this in terms of Plan formulation.

We have not researched the matter completely, but would support the general position and comments which we have submitted before – the Plan is premature and the Council have failed in their duty to co-operate.