

WARWICK LOCAL PLAN EXAMINATION 2016

Matter 7

STATEMENT ON MATTER 7 BY THE CAMPAIGN TO PROTECT RURAL ENGLAND

MATTER 7 - Proposed housing site allocations

Issue

Whether the proposed housing site allocations and safeguarded land are justified, effective and consistent with national policy.

Policies DS11, DS15 and DS NEW2

CPRE's objections to certain housing site allocations are set out in our representations submitted in April 2016. This statement sets out the key impacts of development of certain of the sites listed, to which we object.

Matter 7b

H06. East of Kenilworth (Thickthorn)

1. The proposal to build on this land is a great concern.
2. It is on land immediately adjoining Kenilworth and development would be archetypal urban sprawl.
3. It is green belt and therefore tightly protected by NPPF
4. It is green fields as can clearly be seen in aerial maps
5. It is countryside which is regarded by our members and more generally as very attractive and a valuable asset to the District
6. The impact of covering this large area with buildings would be a very significant change from the green and pleasant land now clearly visible from a number of road and rail routes through and adjoining the area.
7. There is a severe risk that the countryside would be severely compromised by design, construction and the activities of the final residents. This would lead to regrettable loss of habitat for wildlife as well as landscape value.
8. This is agricultural land; It is mostly Grade 3; it is likely that a significant part is Grade 3a; loss of this land for food production would be highly regrettable.