

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.

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DS NEW 3 Leek Wootton, site of Police HQ, 115 dwellings

1. Part of this site is green belt and therefore tightly protected by NPPF
2. Part of it is green fields as can clearly be seen in aerial maps
3. The site in general is undulating countryside that is regarded by our members and more generally as attractive and a valuable asset to the District.
4. The impact of covering this extended area with buildings would be a very significant change from the green and pleasant land now clearly visible from roads adjoining the area.
5. Woodcote House is Grade II and its and its setting must be protected
6. Public footpaths adjoin the area and provide pleasant recreational value.
7. There is a severe risk that watercourses to the north and west 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. There are five listed buildings just outside the area and it adjoins the Conservation Area; there is a serious risk that they would be compromised by the design, construction and activities of the final residents.
9. This is agricultural land; it is mostly Grades 2 and 3a; loss of this land for food production would be highly regrettable.