

# 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 7d*

#### **H27 and H51, Hampton Magna, total 245 dwellings**

1. The proposal to build on this land is a great concern.
2. It is green belt and therefore tightly protected by NPPF
3. It is green fields as can clearly be seen in aerial maps
4. It is undulating countryside that is regarded by our members and more generally as attractive and a valuable asset to the District; the land to the west is higher and buildings here would be visible from many directions.
5. The impact of covering this area with buildings would be a very significant change from the green and pleasant land now clearly visible from a number of roads adjoining the area.
6. Public footpaths cross the area and provide pleasant recreational value.
7. There is a risk that adjoining countryside would be 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 and its loss for food production would be highly regrettable.