

Diana Taulbut – Matter 13 Submission – Note on Lillington Youth Centre (DS18)

I was wondering if it is possible to pass further comment to the Inspector in relation to something which was said by Warwick District Council at the hearing, which I didn't contest at the time as I had insufficient evidence to do so and did not wish to say anything which might prove incorrect. .

Phillip Clarke asserted that the Lillington Youth Centre was in poor condition. I believed this to be incorrect so I checked with someone who has been and still is directly associated with the building and its use, who confirmed that this was completely false: whilst it needed some money spending on it, (currently they are raising money to resurface the outdoor basketball court), there was nothing wrong with the building, and it is an excellent purpose-built facility. Thus the other supposed justification for needing DS18 has no basis in fact either, there being no need to “re-provide” existing community buildings. The erroneous denigration of local County Council-owned facilities is a perpetuation of a false statement made in the “Lillington Regeneration Masterplan”. There is no evidence to support it, quite the reverse. I attach a photograph of Lillington's Community and Surestart Centre to underline the point.

I was also hoping that the Inspector might investigate WDC's assertion at the hearing that DS18 was unconnected with H04, since it would appear from the Local Plan document and the “Lillington Regeneration Masterplan” and from what the Deputy Chief Executive Andy Jones has said in public that they are intimately linked.

