**Guidance Note on Main Modifications to Warwick District Local Plan (WDLP)**

1. The WDLP is being examined by an independent Inspector (Mr Kevin Ward) whose role is to assess whether the plan has been prepared in accordance with the Duty to Co-operate, legal and procedural requirements and whether it is sound.
2. The purpose of this document is to identify Main Modifications to the WDLP that have arisen during the ongoing examination process and undertake public consultation on them. These Main Modifications are specific changes to the Plan that the Inspector considers are necessary to ensure the final version is sound.
3. **This consultation is not an opportunity to raise matters that either were, or could have been, part of the earlier representations or hearings on the submitted plan. Given the complexity of the local plan process and the length of time taken to get to this stage, several aspects of the current consultation have also been the subject of prior consultations. Notwithstanding this, it is not necessary for you to repeat previous representations or comments, as the Inspector is very familiar with the issues around the emerging plan and has access to your previous responses.**
4. The Main Modifications are proposed by the Inspector under section 7C of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004:

*“(7C)If asked to do so by the local planning authority, the person appointed to carry out the examination must recommend modifications of the document that would make it one that: -*

1. *satisfies the requirements mentioned in subsection (5)(a), and*
2. *is sound.”*
3. Comments on the way in which the Main Modifications have been prepared are likely to relate to “legal compliance”. If it is the actual content of the Main Modifications that is commented on, it is likely this will relate to the “soundness” of the document.
4. The Inspector is seeking comments on the Main Modifications through the medium of a public consultation process, to run for seven weeks from 17th March – 5th May 2017.
5. Comments should be confined to the Main Modifications and Sustainability Appraisal as published. Any comments that attempt to raise or address previous issues will not be considered by the Inspector.
6. Following the close of the consultation, representations received in response to the Main Modifications will be collated by Warwick District Council and forwarded to the Inspector. The Inspector will consider all the valid responses made to this consultation, together with those made at previous stages and will present his recommendations in a report. He may also feel it necessary to hold a further examination hearing to discuss any points raised.
7. The Council will not comment on or respond to the representations received. Responses to the Main Modifications are for the Inspector to consider.
8. All submission documents, including background papers and the Sustainability Appraisal, are available to view on the WDLP website at: <https://www.warwickdc.gov.uk/info/20410/new_local_plan/973/local_plan_examination>
9. Please note the following:
10. Representations may be submitted by post or email, or through the Council’s online consultation system (<http://www.warwickdc.gov.uk/newlocalplan>) but must be in writing.
11. Representations may be accompanied by a request to be notified at a specified address of the adoption of the WDLP.
12. If you do require this notification, please remember to specify this on the form and provide a contact address.