

Further Enquiries re Kenilworth Neighbourhood Plan (Submission Plan dated March 2018)

Policy KP1: Town Centre

Thank you for your initial responses but my further reading has identified the following:

- Para 5.8 refers to “that original plan” but I do not believe that is a reference to the local development plan which is the only apparent related reference in paragraph 5.7. Given the context and subsequent reference to “the Action Plan” I presume that the reference is to the “2004 Town Centre Plan” which is noted on page 17 within the “Introduction to Kenilworth”. However that Town Centre Plan is not included within the supporting documents and, with a 2004 date, it is now significantly out of date. Can you confirm that the reference should be to the 2014 Action Plan?
- If my surmise is correct, a question then arises as to the current status of the Action Plan and in particular whether the District Council has afforded it any recognition? The ‘Introduction’ to the document implies that it was prepared to better inform the preparation of the Warwick Local Plan but, in relation to the Town Centre, the Local Plan policies did not provide for the level of detail anticipated in the Action Plan?
- The copy of the 2014 Action Plan within the supporting documents includes content which is highlighted in red. It is probable that this indicates additions/amendments to earlier drafts, but maybe it has another purpose? If the highlights show additions/amendments what is the status of these?
- You have commented that within the Smalley Place area “it would be pre-judging the layout of possible future developments to allocate uses to specific areas”; however, you are proposing to allocate the whole area for a “Town Arts Centre and Hall” uses whereas in reality the uses now and in the future will be more mixed. The allocation of Smalley Place for (say) ‘civic and community’ uses would seem more appropriate; do you have any comments on my line of thinking here?

Policy KP15: Local Heritage Assets

The renaming of the Policy as “Locally Listed Historic Assets”, as suggested, would continue the confusion about the use of terms. Local listing is at the discretion of the local planning authority and I note from their website that Warwick District Council is presently “launching [undated] a Local List of Historic Buildings and Structures to give a level of recognition to these buildings and structures. To maintain consistency and accountability, a criterion has been devised, which all entries to the local list must meet. The aim is to give recognition to the wide variety of historic buildings in Warwick district with a view to recognising their intrinsic qualities where development is proposed”. If you wish the buildings you have identified to be included on the Local List of Historic Buildings and Structures then they should not be included in the Neighbourhood Plan but instead they must be submitted on an Application Form for assessment by the local authority. You may however include properties within the Neighbourhood Plan as ‘non-designated heritage assets’, ‘heritage’ being the term used by Historic England but ‘historic’ would have much the same meaning. If the latter is what you intend then as I originally indicated, I need you to confirm that the Appendix A entries are precise about the extent of the heritage asset since the related map only identifies a general location.

KP20: Local Green Space

I note that the referenced report justifying the proposed designation against the NPPF and Planning Practice Guidance criteria is outstanding. You note that “there is one area [included within the proposed Local Green Space] which currently enjoys no protection whatsoever not even being in a Conservation Area”; it would be helpful to me if that area could be identified on a map with a separate assessment as to whether it meets the NPPF and Planning Practice Guidance criteria.