

 Executive 3rd December 2014		Agenda Item No. 10
Title	Coventry Local Development Plan Consultation Response	
For further information about this report please contact	Dave Barber Planning Policy Manager	
Wards of the District directly affected	All	
Is the report private and confidential and not for publication by virtue of a paragraph of schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, following the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006?	No	
Date and meeting when issue was last considered and relevant minute number	N/A	
Background Papers	The New Coventry Local Development Plan (2011-2031)	

Contrary to the policy framework:	No
Contrary to the budgetary framework:	No
Key Decision?	Yes
Included within the Forward Plan? (If yes include reference number)	No
Equality Impact Assessment Undertaken	No (If No state why below)
EqIA is not considered necessary as this is report is not establishing Council policy	

Officer/Councillor Approval		
Officer Approval	Date	Name
Chief Executive/Deputy Chief Executive	10/11/14	All
Head of Service	7/11/14	Tracy Darke
CMT	10/11/14	
Section 151 Officer	11/11/14	Mike Snow
Monitoring Officer		
Finance	11/11/14	Mike Snow
Portfolio Holder(s)	13/11/14	Cllr Caborn
Consultation & Community Engagement		
The Publication Draft Local Plan has been subject to consultation during May and June. The results of this consultation will be reported to Council with the submission draft Local Plan. The Gypsy and Traveller Site Allocations Plan was subject to consultation in 2013 and 2014.		
Final Decision?		Yes
Suggested next steps (if not final decision please set out below)		

1. **Summary**

- 1.1 This report seeks agreement for the response to Coventry City Council's Local Development Consultation as set out in Appendix 1.

2. **Recommendations**

- 2.1 That the consultation response set out in Appendix 1 be agreed as Warwick District Council's representation to Coventry City Council Local Development Plan Consultation.

3. **Reasons for the Recommendations**

- 3.1 Coventry City Council has consulted on the next step in delivering a new Local Plan for the City. The consultation document is available on the City Council's website here:

http://www.coventry.gov.uk/localplan/downloads/file/1/core_coventry_development_plan

The Plan was open for consultation for a seven week period commencing on 12th September and ending on 31st October. Officers have submitted a draft representation to the City Council within the consultation period and have also obtained the City Council agreement that this representation may be amended following consideration by Executive.

4. **Policy Framework**

- 4.1 **Policy Framework** – a sound local plan for Warwick District is dependent on effective working with Coventry City Council through the Duty to Cooperate. The draft representation reflects the priority Warwick District Council has placed on Duty to Cooperate in previous policy decision, including in the Publication Draft Local Plan. The representations are also consistent with current Council policy (as set out in the Publication Draft Local Plan) with regard to Objectively Assessed Housing Need. In supporting scenario 3, the draft representation seeks to encourage Coventry City Council to pursue a Local Plan which is based on sustainable growth and which seeks to accommodate as much development as can reasonably be justified within the City Boundary. This is also consistent with Warwick Council Policy as set out in the Publication Draft Local Plan.
- 4.2 **Fit for the Future** – the report does not have any direct impacts on Fit for the Future
- 4.3 **Impact Assessments** – As there are no policy changes directly associated with this report, this report does not directly impact on equalities.

5. **Budgetary Framework**

- 5.1 There are no budgetary implications of this report

6. **Risks**

- 6.1 Risk 1: There are complex Duty to Cooperate discussions taking place with regard to how the Housing Market Area's Objectively Assessed Need is met.

These discussions have been the subject of a report to the Economic Prosperity Board (EPB) and will be subject to further consideration by the EPB. Until these discussions are concluded there is a risk that the shortfall of 200-250 houses per annum will not be effectively addressed. This would put the Local Plan at risk. However, this risk is being mitigated through active involvement in Duty to Cooperate discussions and it is expected that the process for dealing with the shortfall will be agreed prior to the submission of the Local Plan.

7. Alternative Option(s) considered

- 7.1 A range of alternative representations could be made. However, it is difficult to envisage significantly different representations without conflicting with current Council policy as set out in the Publication Draft Local Plan.

Appendix 1: Warwick District Council's response to Coventry City Council's consultation on their 'New Coventry Local Development Plan (2011 - 2031)