

Local Plan Update

January/February 2012

Introduction

- Consultation on “Helping to Shape the District” undertaken during March-July 2011
- In December 2011 the Council decided its strategy for “The Future and Sustainable Prosperity of the District”
 - Sets the framework for the next stage of the Local Plan
- This presentation is to feedback on what has happened since the consultation and to introduce the Strategy

Strategy for the Future and Sustainable Prosperity of Warwick District

Maintain and enhance the District as a distinctive and attractive place in which to live, work and visit including:

- Sustainable garden towns, suburbs and villages
- A dynamic, broad based economy
- Meeting the needs of growing and diverse communities

Key threads of the Strategy

- Facilitating growth of local economy
- Providing for growth and changes of the local population
- Caring for our heritage
- Exploring ways to deliver a low carbon economy and environmental sustainability
- Regeneration of areas in need of social, economic and environmental regeneration
- Ensuring development does not lead to the coalescence of settlements
- High quality design
- Appropriate and necessary infrastructure including transport, public services, quality green spaces, social care and health and community facilities

Housing Growth

Why “in the region of 550 homes per annum”?

- **Local Plan must be evidenced based and “sound”**
- Population growth inevitable – we are required to meet need
- Housing Market Assessment shows need for :
 - 595 homes p.a. to meet population trends...or
 - 715 home p.a. to support forecasted level of economic growth
- We hope 550 p.a. homes will allow us to invest in infrastructure and services
- The number is subject to environmental and infrastructure capacity assessment – still be examined

Feedback from 2011 consultation

Respondent Category	Scenario 1 #	Scenario 1 %	Scenario 2 #	Scenario 2 %	Scenario 3 #	Scenario 3 %
Kenilworth	26	57.8%	13	28.9%	6	13.3%
Leamington - North	26	41.3%	27	42.9%	10	15.9%
Leamington - South	8	47.1%	5	29.4%	4	23.5%
Warwick	35	58.3%	17	28.3%	8	13.3%
Rural East	19	59.4%	11	34.4%	2	6.3%
Rural West	101	74.3%	29	21.3%	6	4.4%
Whitnash	9	81.8%	2	18.2%	0	0.0%
Unknown / Anonymous	5	55.6%	3	33.3%	1	11.1%
Outside District	15	32.6%	9	19.6%	22	47.8%
Total	244	58.2%	116	27.7%	59	14.1%

Feedback from 2011 consultation (2)

Top Issues (% agreeing that these issues are important for local area)

- Road Congestion and Air Pollution (78%)
- Economic Strength of Town Centres (77%)
- Size and condition of public facilities and services and whether they can meet current and future needs (75%)
- Threats to the environment (73%)
- Uncertain future of the local economy (69%)

Infrastructure (1)

Bring forward infrastructure proposals alongside development proposals to ensure:

- New development has the infrastructure it needs
- Infrastructure is improved for the benefit of the District's existing communities

Infrastructure (2)

Make optimum use of the financial tools available (e.g. New Homes Bonus Scheme; CIL; Business Rate Retention; Section 106 Agreements etc) to fund provision of infrastructure including:

- Comprehensive and sustainable transport package (rail and bus services; new and diverted traffic routes; traffic free routes; park & ride; cycle and footpaths – but not including support for HS2)
- New schools and educational facilities
- Improved parks, gardens and green infrastructure
- Community, health and social facilities

What Next?

- Develop Preferred Options - Spring 2012
- Develop infrastructure proposals alongside preferred options
- Consultation on Preferred Options over the Summer
- Produce draft Local Plan – early 2013
- Consultation on draft local plan
- Submission to Secretary of State – June 2013
- Examination in Public – Autumn 2013
- Estimated date for adoption - Spring 2014

Question and Comments