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Dear Simon,

Consultation on Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Plan main modifications

I refer to the above consultation and welcome the opportunity to respond on behalf of Warwickshire County Council (WCC). This Council welcomes and supports the preparation of the above Local Plan and we have continually engaged on matters relating to the our interests.

The County Council supports growth and development through ensuring a supply of land for employment and housing which encourages sustainable economic growth. In respect of supporting these objectives we have responsibility for a number of strategic services across the County, including: highways and transportation; school place provision; public health; waste disposal; community safety; libraries; support for elderly and vulnerable people and as the Statutory Planning Authority for minerals and waste. In addition to the above the County Council is a principal partner in the Coventry and Warwickshire Local Enterprise Partnership (CWLEP) and has a statutory duty to cooperate on County Council matters in working with all partners in the Sub-Region.

Financial implications of the proposed modification

We request that the proposed modifications including the increased housing numbers should not place additional demands on services and facilities, impacting on the ability of these services to meet the needs of the community.

We would like to state, at the outset, that the County Council can make no financial commitment arising from any proposed allocations within the Local Plan unless agreed thorough mutual funding arrangements. However, we will assist the Borough Council and developers in delivering infrastructure to mitigate the impact of developments via S106 and S278 agreements; Community Infrastructure Levy and other funding sources.

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The Borough Council has asked the County Council to review the evidence gathered by Exhall residents in relation to Hawkesbury allocation (mod) The Borough Council is aware that this information is being reviewed and that these matters are yet to be concluded. The outcome will be reported directly to you.

Transforming Nuneaton – impact of the proposed modifications

The proposed modifications positively support the Transforming Nuneaton project by, supporting tourism and heritage activities and the town centre area action plan with the inclusion of the proposed additions to TC2 via modifications MM141, 142, 143. We support the removal for the proposal of a cafe quarter in Nuneaton which would have a limiting effect on potential development / investment.

We support the proposed modification MM12 to DS2 which states “The Economic Development Strategy and Action Plan will include a work programme to assist in the delivery of strategic employment sites and town centre projects as well as proactively attracting investment”. This places an emphasis on delivering and recognises town centre projects and these will support the role the town centres play in terms of the economic regeneration.

We will work with the Borough Council to assist in creating conditions to stimulate growth for business, housing and help plan the necessary infrastructure. We will continue to work with you on the progress of the Borough Plan and should you wish to discuss any of the above matters further please contact me.

Yours sincerely

Jasbir Kaur
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