



North Warwickshire
Borough Council

Core Strategy
Main Modifications
Representation Form

Ref:

(for official use)

Please return to North Warwickshire Borough Council by **21st August 2014**

PLEASE USE THIS FORM TO RESPOND TO THE MAIN MODIFICATIONS ON THE CORE STRATEGY ONLY

The Council are seeking comments on the Modifications to the Core Strategy, following the Examination in Public (January 2014). The changes are proposed by the Inspector to address issues of legal compliance and soundness and we are only able to accept representation on these matters.

Please send us your comments no later than 5:00pm by the **21st August 2014** to the following address: Forward Planning Team, Chief Executives Division, Council Offices, South Street, Atherstone, Warwickshire, CV9 1DE or email planningpolicy@northwarks.gov.uk

Any representation received will be a public document, all details of which will be stored on a database, and made available for inspection at the council's offices and on the council's website

Please provide your details below.
(If you are an agent please provide both your details as well as your clients.)

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Email:

Q1. Please give the Main Modification reference number that your representation relates to
(use a separate sheet for each representation and each modification)

Modification Reference

MM4

Q2. Do you consider the Main Modifications to be Legally Compliant?

YES

NO

Q3. If you consider the Proposed Main Modifications to be Unsound, please identify which test of soundness your comments relate to?

Positively prepared

Effective

Justified

Consistent with National Policy

- Q4. Please give details of why you consider the Main Modifications not to be legally compliant or unsound. Please be as precise as possible. If you wish to support Modifications please also use the box below to set out your comments.

The terminology used in this paragraph is confusing. By early review of the Local Plan, is it meant this 'Core Strategy' or a Local Plan as a whole collection of documents? Local Plans should effectively be reviewed on an on-going basis through the monitoring process and the production of new evidence which may have impacts for local plan authorities. Should it not be the case that subsequent Local Plans address any new evidence and not have to wait until the whole of the development plan is reviewed?

We question the relevance of the sentence stating a 'proven track record'. A statement should be made as to what has already been done and what work will be done to address the known strategic issues arising from Tamworth, Birmingham and within the GBSLEP area.

- Q5 Please set out what change(s) you consider necessary to make the Main Modifications legally compliant or sound, having regard to the test you have identified above. You will need to say why this change will make the Main Modifications legally compliant or sound. It will be helpful if you are able to put forward your suggested revised wording of any policy or text. Please be as precise as possible

The modification is not effective as it does not commit North Warwickshire to undertaking any specific piece of work addressing strategic issues and the mechanism for address may not be the most appropriate. Tamworth would welcome the opportunity to work with North Warwickshire and Lichfield to produce a joint strategy / evidence base. The wording of this paragraph should be amended further to be more specific as to what will happen, when it will happen and how (if any) changes will be made.