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Objections to the Minerals Local Plan

Dunchurch Parish Council confirm our original objections to the Minerals Local Plan stand also our objections of 1st February 2017. Expanding on our earlier objections we do not consider the plan to be sound when the major issues of transport and air quality have not been addressed with regard to Dunchurch village.

We fail to understand how a Local Transport Plan that majors on cycling, car sharing, children's BMI and additional public transport is fit for purpose. Although the spectacle of bicycles with large panniers to carry sand and gravel, car sharing with the spare seats filled with rocks and children with bad body mass index figures hauling sacks of minerals is rather amusing.

The issues of traffic congestion and air quality have not been addressed with regard to Dunchurch these problems which are said to be covered in the Warwickshire Local Transport Plan [WLTP] 2.9 states:

2.9 The Warwickshire Transport Plan sets out how the County and its partners intend to improve transport and accessibility, as well as outlining longer term improvement schemes in the County for the period up to 2026. The County's existing Local Transport Plan (LTP3) came into effect on the 1st April 2011. The Minerals Development Framework will need to accord with the policies and principles of the LTP3.

This all sounds very grand and much play is made of the Western Relief Road being the saviour of the Borough, we wish, certainly the experience of this Council is that HGV's are conspicuous by their absence rather than their presence on the relief road, all apart from the very attractive Big Pink Trucks! A high percentage of the large vehicles using the road turn left onto the A45 then left again onto the B4429 to come through Dunchurch village to go south to Southam, Banbury and beyond.

Tinkering with traffic flows at the traffic lights and building a spine road, which at the moment is a line on a piece of paper does not indicate the problems in Dunchurch are going to improve, in fact they will almost certainly get worse.

The A426 is an advisory lorry route so how does Warwickshire County Council propose to address the issue of increased traffic through Dunchurch? The Local Minerals Plan states all HGV traffic is to use the A45 from the sites at Bourton on Dunsmore and Lawford Heath to service the Rugby area. The majority of planned development is to the south of Rugby you

may have noticed that the A45 does not go into Rugby! So how will the HGV's get to the building sites, through the centre of Dunchurch?

The WLTP claims regarding sustainable transport read very well but history tells us very little will change and again it is just words not actions that we are left with.

The WLTP makes many promises regarding air quality, the fact that Rugby Borough Council claim they are aware of the dangerous and illegal levels of NOx in the centre of Dunchurch but have no plan to lower the levels just to monitor the situation makes a mockery of the WLTP. The County Council also claim they will monitor pollution levels in Dunchurch but again we have not seen any attempts to lower the levels of pollutants, in fact the Minerals Local Plan will significantly worsen the problem so again the soundness of the plan is called into question.

We presume that developers looking at the Bourton on Dunsmore and Lawford Heath sites will be asked to make major contributions to road improvements both on the Straight Mile and to the building of the spine road.

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