

Open Letter to Residents of Hampton Magna, Hampton-on-the-Hill and Budbrooke from Mike Dutton, Chairman of Budbrooke Parish Council

Warwick District Council has now submitted the Local Plan to the Planning Inspectorate and it will be reviewed in Public later in the year.

If the Local Plan is approved, then the planned site for development in Hampton Magna is very likely to go ahead. The only way to protect ourselves from inappropriate building is for us to establish realistic, reasonable and approved rules. This can be done by establishing a Neighbourhood Plan (NP).

In November, WDC approved a boundary change which means that the northern boundary now runs along the A4177 from Stanks' Roundabout to Hatton Terrace. Now this has been done, Budbrooke PC has set up a "working group" to develop *our* Neighbourhood Plan (NP).

As our NP must be agreed by a referendum of local voters, it has to reflect the views of all parties, even those who really don't want the development in the first place. We can't say "No" to development, but we can say "this is how it must be". The approved NP will set planning guidance to control development in Budbrooke.

Over time we will be asking you questions, collating answers and creating a consensus view. If you do not make your views known when asked, then they cannot be considered. One way you can influence how the future may be is to take part in preparing the NP.

If you really care about Budbrooke, and I know there are many that do, please get in touch via The Clerk to Budbrooke Parish Council, Alex Davis in writing; her contact details are on Page 2.

Once things start in earnest, the newsletter and new website will have papers that you can read and comment on.

Mike Dutton