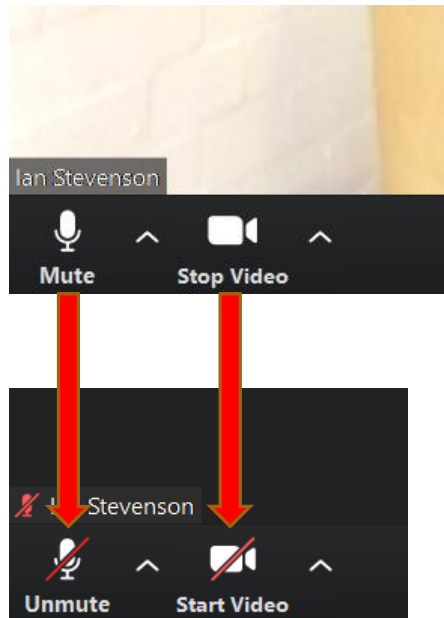


Westwood Heath Residents Association

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*We will be with
you shortly!*

This meeting will be recorded for reference purposes.

20th January 2021 by Zoom Agenda

Welcome, format and acknowledgements

Chair's report

- Crest Nicholson development
- The Local Plan and population statistics issue
- The Link Road
- What little we know about the stadium

Treasurers report

Membership Report

A proposal to change the fiscal year end to match the membership year end which was moved because of Covid-19

Election of officers

AOB

Format of the Zoom Meeting

Please send questions by “chat” message to Ian Stevenson or “All”, we will answer questions at the end of the presentations and facilitate verbal questions

Please keep your audio on “mute” until question time

- We will mute all attendees during the presentation
- The presentations will last for approx. 30 minutes
- Voting is restricted to paid-up WHRA members & will be conducted on an online poll within the Zoom meeting
 - Vote on constitutional amendment
 - Vote on electing committee members

Acknowledgements

Committee Members

- Sheila Millar, current secretary
- Amardeep Chabra, outgoing treasurer

- History Group

- Consultation Teams

- A46 Link Road
- Crest Nicholson
- University of Warwick

- Covid-19 resilience teams

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Crest Nicholson Land to the South of Westwood Heath Road



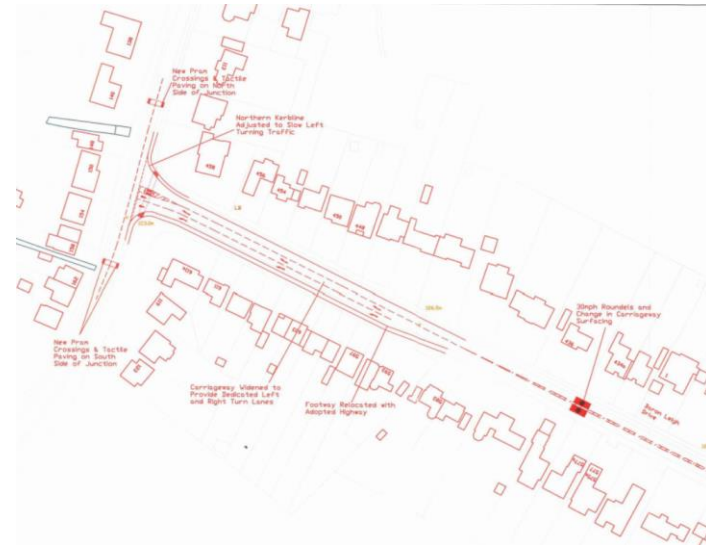
Outline permission for 425 homes with detailed permission for an initial phase of 129.

Granted 30/10/2018
(Development needs to start within 3 years)

Further tranche dependent on highways improvements

Jan 2021: Crest due to submit alterations to some house types – believed imminent

Crest Nicholson Required Highways Changes and Improvements



Two new road entrances

A pedestrian controlled crossing and several “lowered kerb” crossing points

Outline plans for widening Westwood Heath Road and “improving” the T-junction with Cromwell Lane.

This design is not committed.

The Local Plan and the population statistics issue. A short planning guide....



Office for National Statistics

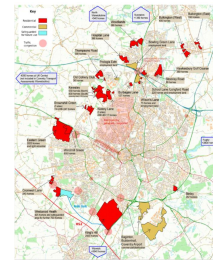
Population Projections



Housing need



Local Plan
Coventry 2011-2031



Identified development areas

Individual Planning Permissions



Contributions
(Section 106)

The Coventry population projections far outstripped other local authorities – resulting in a housing allocation that wouldn't fit within the Coventry boundary



Office for National Statistics

Huge developments were needed to meet the demand and spilled into neighbouring counties

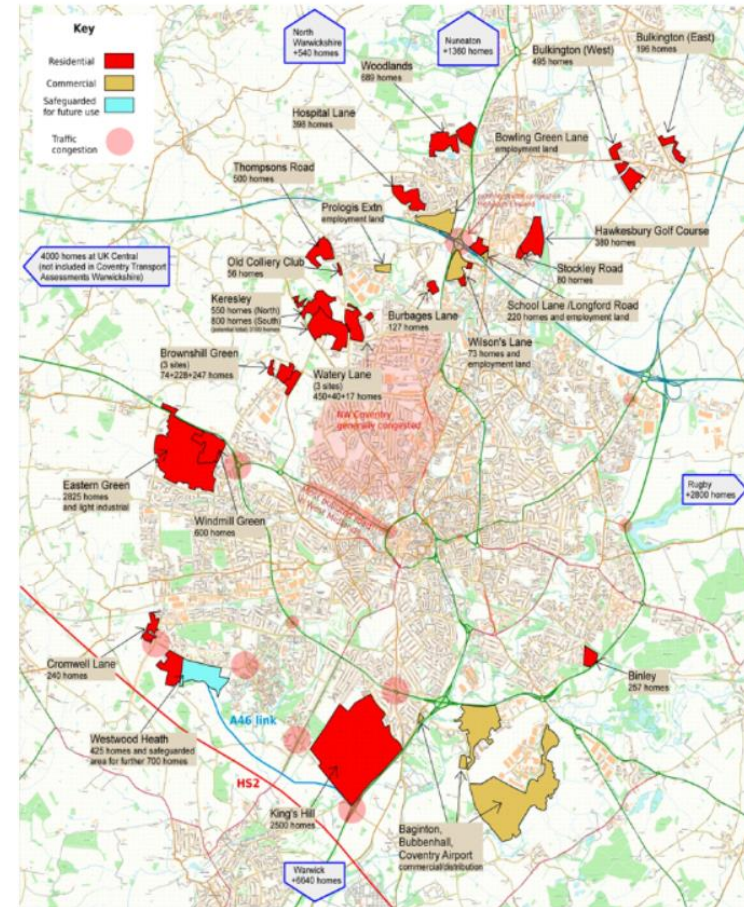
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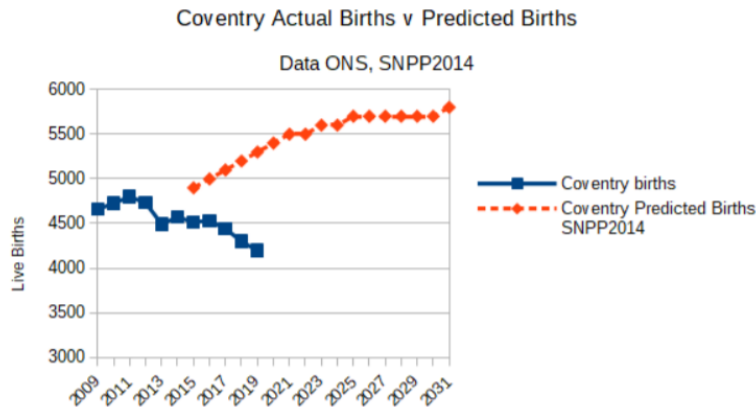
Housing need



Local Plan
Coventry 2011-2031
(Warwick District
2011-2029)



So why is this relevant?



The population projection has been overstated, so the housing allocation has been overstated

- **Loss of Green Belt – forever**
- Overspill on the periphery of Coventry
 - Pressure on Coventry resources
- Creating future infrastructure issues
- Misbalance of employment and residential land

Following extensive lobbying, the UK Statistics Authority have decided to undertake a review of population projections and estimates and how they are used



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Ed Humpherson, Director General for Regulation

Sir Andrew Watson
Chair, CPRE Warwickshire
(by email)

3 December 2020

Dear Sir Andrew

Thank you for your letter of 13 November 2020 regarding the population projections and mid-year population estimates for Coventry.

We note that you have concerns around housing allocations resulting in the unnecessary loss of countryside within and around Coventry, which are based on decisions that you feel are mis-informed due to perceived inaccuracies of the population estimates on which the household projections and subsequent housing need are based.

In light of the matters raised within your letter we have decided to undertake a review of the

Fronted by Campaign for Rural England (Sir Andrew Watson)

- Supported by 12 Parish Councils / Residents Associations (Inc WHRA)
- Plus 5 MPs, 5 Councillors and the West Midlands Mayor
- Coventry CC position is “we followed the published process”
 - Despite knowing the numbers were wrong!?
- It may take legal action to force action if the UKSA report determines material issues
 - NB Census March 2021
 - Coventry Local Plan is due for review but this has been deferred

Implications of the population issue for Westwood Heath



Green belt at risk from 'wrong ideas about cities'



Subsequent publicity has highlighted the issue in other University towns

- Leeds have reversed some green belt decisions
- Unlikely to impact the 425 houses (permission granted for the first tranche) but could undermine developer confidence for future schemes
- Major infrastructure (e.g. Link Road) dependent on S106 contributions as well as government funding

Chair's report

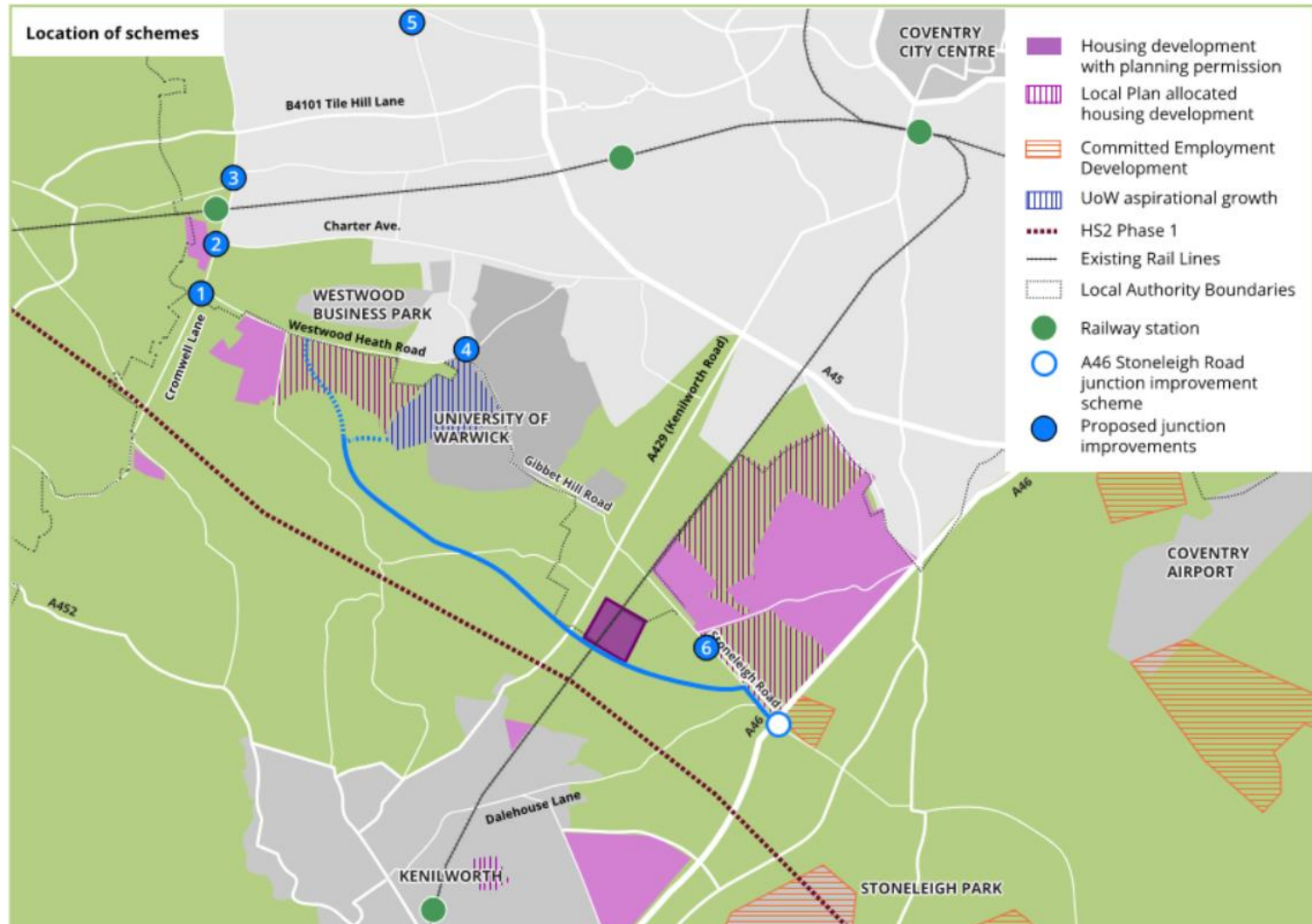
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- **The Link Road**
 - **What is it?**
 - **Why now?**
 - **What are the implications?**
- The stadium

Map of "Option 3" and Sub-Options



- Housing development with planning permission
- Local Plan allocated housing development
- Committed Employment Development
- UoW aspirational growth
- HS2 Phase 1
- Existing Rail Lines
- Local Authority Boundaries
- Railway station
- Proposed A46 link road
- Potential connections to South Cov & UoW
- Sub-options for connections to Westwood Heath Rd
- A46 Stoneleigh Road junction improvement scheme
- Sub-option for partial closure of Gibbet Hill Road to general traffic
- Sub-option for direct connection to Westwood Business Park
- New station and interchange
- New roundabouts
- Junctions needing upgrade

The scheme involves junction improvements across a wide area (why?)



Link Road considerations

Why now?

- What are post-Covid-19 ways of working?
- Traffic is at 90% of pre-pandemic levels
 - No queuing on Westwood Heath Road or Gibbet Hill Road
- University has announced a plan to reduce the number of journeys to campus

Objectives

- Reduce rat-running? WWHR, Cromwell Lane and Pickford Green Lane will all have significantly increased traffic volumes
 - Other areas inc Tile Hill Lane, Banner Lane, all increasing
- Reduce queuing – even with mitigation, Cromwell Lane junction is worse!
- Better Air Quality – justified on keep the traffic moving but ignoring the increase in numbers
- Improve access to the UoW - Yes

WHRA actions

Attended a dedicated consultation meeting online

- Highlighted flaws in the distribution and content of initial leaflets
 - Many households in Coventry still not notified

Small team to analyse the consultation documents and feed back questions

- Highlighted factual errors in the consultation documents

Publicise the Link Road to other affected local groups

Published website information:

<https://www.westwoodheath.org.uk/a46-link-road>

Whatever your views, please read the consultation documents and our analysis and respond.

Link Road implications

Augments the capacity of the A45 / A46 and provides an alternative route

- Through residential areas, which will become more developed as the local plan is implemented
 - Not “strategic”
- Has several pinch points (e.g. Cromwell Lane junction) which obstruct through flow anyway
 - Not a “link”
- Justified partly on Residential developments
 - Which were justified by suspect population numbers
- Could in turn justify other large scale developments which are not yet in the local plan...

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The Stadium



July 2020

*Both the University and the club are committed to a visionary, environmentally-friendly stadium in terms of materials, energy, noise, building and of course **access***

No other information has been forthcoming

CCC and WDC are claiming to know nothing in the link road talks

Treasurer's report

<https://www.westwoodheath.org.uk/members>

Financial Statements for the period ended 31st May 2020 Statement of Financial Activities

	Note	£ 2020 Unrestricted Funds
Incoming Resources		
Incoming resources from:		
Member Subscriptions		286.50
Donations		50.00
Total Incoming Resources		<u>336.50</u>
Resources Expended		
Administrative expenses	3	430.60
Total Resources Expended		<u>430.60</u>
Net Movement in Funds For the Year		(94.10)
Reserves Brought Forward		<u>1446.13</u>
Reserves Carried Forward		<u>1352.03</u>

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3 Total Resources Expended - Appendix B

	Administrative Costs £	2020 Total Resources Expended £
Proteusprint - Newsletter	105.00	105.00
Wix.com – Yrly Combo payment	74.25	74.25
123 Reg – domain renewal	23.98	23.98
Flower Cellar – Flowers to resident	27.50	27.50
Wix.com – G suite Mailbox Yrly fee	199.87	199.87
	430.60	430.60

4 Current Assets

Bank Balance as at 31.05.20

Appendix C

2020
£

1352.03

Main expenses printing and web/email. Some reserves held to support legal costs.

Membership report

Please become a member of the RA

Only £5 / household per year!

Details posted on Face and email after the meeting.

Constitution proposal

The impact of Covid-19 was to make it impossible to meet face-to-face during the year and the July AGM was postponed.

We extended memberships through to the end of the year.

The proposal is that we make the fiscal year end the same as the membership year end, and that we next report financial report to run to December 31st (2021)

(Vote follows)

Committee election

There were no contested positions for any of the following posts, so our proposal is to elect the following committee members en bloc:

Chair: Ian Stevenson

Vice-Chair: Habib Kashi

Secretary: Linda Weyman

Treasurer: Louise Hughes

Membership: Jan Lloyd

General committee members: Ian Harrop, Sheila Millar

(Vote)

AOB and Questions
