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# The Coventry Development Plan

## 1998



### THE COVENTRY DEVELOPMENT PLAN 1998 NOTE TO USERS

The Part 1 policies have been combined as an insert in the copies of the Plan on formal deposit.

That insert is not included with this copy because those policies are also set out in each appropriate Chapter in order to create a coherent and accessible document.

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## Foreword

### Coventry Development Plan Deposit Draft

*“We have great pleasure in providing, uniquely, this joint Foreword to our Councils’ new Plans, the Warwickshire Structure Plan and the Coventry Development Plan, both covering the period 1996-2011.*

*As the strategic planning authorities for Coventry and Warwickshire, our Councils are committed to plan on the basis of the mutual needs, interests and aspirations of the people we represent. This will mean breaking down barriers to co-operation between independent authorities, whilst respecting the different needs of each locality and maintaining strong links with the other authorities in the West Midlands Region.*

*In addressing the pressures and opportunities that we are likely to be faced with over the period to 2011, the Councils have emphasised the need to:*

- work within the framework of Government’s Regional Planning Guidance to which both Councils have made a significant contribution through the Regional Forum (now the Local Government Association);*
- sustain the environment quality of the sub-region with a focus on regenerating the older urban areas of our City and County towns;*
- view Coventry and much of Warwickshire as a single housing and jobs market with complementary development land requirements;*
- focus significant development activity on the north-south crescent of main urban areas and the town of Rugby;*
- achieve a closer balance between industry and housing to minimise journey lengths and maximise use of public transport; and*
- value the Green Belt as an asset which will play its part in stimulating the regeneration of urban areas as well as maintaining the identity, character and rural setting of our city, towns and villages;*

*This is a long term commitment to planning for the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations of Coventry and Warwickshire people to meet their own needs. Our two new Plans mark the beginning of that process and we commend them to you.”*

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Warwickshire County Council*

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Chair of Planning Policy Team  
Coventry City Council*



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