Chris's corner

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At last - some good news about the dreaded Core Strategy! After months of campaigning against plans to build over 4,000 houses south of Warwick, Leamington and Whitnash, the Government Office of the West Midlands has finally been persuaded by Warwick District Council to delay consideration of the consultation until May 2010.

If there is a change of Government, we will be better placed to reflect local needs; a bottom-up approach to planning, in contrast to the top-down, remote decision - making process that, under this Labour Government, we currently endure.

I am confident that housing policy, in the event of a Conservative Government being elected, will recognise the priorities of local people and not those of Whitehall.

This is a milestone victory for local people. It is about time that the views of the thousands of residents who have taken part in the consultation – attending public meetings, writing letters, and expressing genuine anxiety and concern, are taken into account.

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