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## Hawkshurst Moor Farm Proposal for 600 dwellings and Multi-Faith Burial Ground

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**For the Urgent attention of:  
Mark Andrews - Head of Planning**

Case Officer: Rebecca Matravers  
Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council  
The Council House, Manor Square  
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09 December 2025

Dear Mr Andrews, Mark

**Reference: PL/2025/01182/PPOL**

The Warwickshire Solihull and Coventry Local Access Forum, exercised its statutory advisory role and function to formally OBJECT to the above application in a letter sent to Solihull MBC dated 11 August 2025. We called upon the Solihull Planning Committee to REFUSE the application due to the many Weighty Material Planning Considerations and failure of the developer to demonstrate any Exceptional or Special Circumstances exist which outweighed the inappropriateness of the application on productive agricultural Green Belt land (BMV), in UK food production and on lack of sustainability, inaccurate modelling and other issues which will have a huge cumulative negative impact on both Coventry and Solihull and the already, under unwanted pressure, medical, social and educational infrastructure are under. It is impossible to understand how any further unwelcome and unwanted irreconcilable additional pressure could be successfully managed.

We are disappointed to note SMBC, as one of the LAF's participating authorities, has failed to publish the WSC LAF's OBJECTION as a statutory advisory body on the many negative and cumulative material planning consideration issues embedded within this application. There appears to be an unwelcome reticence to give prominence to, or recognition of, our statutory advisory role and experience in the decision making process. We try, in difficult circumstances, to take our function, duty and role seriously and contribute positively in our statutory advisory capacity as the Warwickshire Solihull and Coventry Local Access Forum

Forums often advise on matters where public access is just one of a number of considerations and perhaps not the most important consideration which is clearly apparent in the case of the above application. However, unless the relevant, considered and researched advice we give is not published and visible to all parties, including the developer, it is worthless.

We, therefore, respectfully ask Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council's Planning Department to urgently remedy the situation in the case of the above and other

important applications to ensure our advice is published on the SMBC planning portal where it can help to ensure the final decision is properly informed and, in that way, help the decision-maker, and other interested parties, to address any unwelcome issues and subsequently any adverse consequences arising from the decision.

We would appreciate an acknowledgment of receipt of this email together with details of what actions you will take on behalf of the Warwickshire Solihull and Coventry Local Access Forum.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading 'Sheila Cooper'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'S' and a long horizontal flourish at the end.

**Sheila Cooper**

Acting Chair of the Warwickshire Solihull and Coventry Local Access Forum

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