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Planning Inspector

C/o Mr Ian Kemp, Programme Officer.

Concerns with proposed development in Old Milverton, Leamington Spa.

I wish to supplement my original representation made on the above subject as further information has been made available.

I object to the proposal to build 1350 houses, a park and ride scheme, and railway station on greenbelt land in Old Milverton. The logic for using Green Belt land that is required by the National Policy Framework has not been demonstrated. The claims by Warwick District Council that houses on this land would assist in meeting Coventry's requirements are not valid. It is 10 miles from Coventry and there are alternative sites, much closer, that should be used in preference. The closer sites would mean less commuting and less strain on public transport.

The greenbelt land north of Leamington is a valuable asset in preventing Leamington and Kenilworth joining into an urban sprawl. It should be protected so it can be used for walkers, cyclists and runners in the area. The land is used for farming and produces food that reduces our need to import food from overseas. We should protect this valuable asset for future generations and not think of short term gain.

With the land for housing removed there is no requirement for a railway station or park and ride. The location is unsuitable and other park and ride schemes, locally in Stratford upon Avon, have been found in practice to be a failure and not used to the original planned amount.

In conclusion the proposed development in Old Milverton, Leamington Spa should be removed from the Local Plan and the alternative ways, which are known, closer to Coventry and feasible, should be used to make up the shortfall.

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