

Matter 7A Written Statement – H44 North of Milverton – Jane Greasley (7194)

I am writing to express my strong objections to the above proposed development.

The site is unsuitable to meet the development needs of Coventry

It is irresponsible to build houses to meet Coventry's housing needs on the green belt north of Leamington

The proposed location is 9 miles from Coventry city centre; public transport links to Coventry are poor and the proposal will encourage increased commuting by car and further congestion on already over crowded roads

In practice it is unlikely that people who work in Coventry will want to buy houses in North Leamington ; there are alternative sites closer to Coventry which should be used in preference to the land north of Leamington .

The green belt north of Milverton has been very successful in preventing the spread of Leamington and has stopped Leamington merging with Kenilworth . If the proposed development goes ahead the "green lung" between Leamington and Kenilworth will be reduced to less than 1.5 miles.

There are alternative, more sustainable, sites that should be used in preference to Old Milverton and Blackdown. Warwick District Council has spent a lot of time and resources trying to justify Exceptional Circumstances but has only been able to do so by claiming that the site is suitable for providing houses to meet Coventry's housing needs.

The area has great value for local residents. Many walkers, horse riders and runners use the area. The area enables residents from the neighbouring towns to experience the open countryside. Old Milverton is one of the last surviving hamlets on the outskirts of Leamington and its integrity will be destroyed by the proposals which will see it subsumed into Leamington.

Valuable productive farm land and important wildlife habitat will be lost.

Thank you for taking my strong objections into account

Jane Greasley