

**Matter 7A Written Statement – H44 North of Milverton – Jeremy Lim
(13949)**

I am writing to you concerning Warwick District Council's proposals to build 1350 houses, a park and ride scheme, a railway station and employment opportunities on greenbelt land in Old Milverton.

We are a family with two young children who daily use the proposed area for walking, cycling and generally enjoying what this unique and beautiful area has to offer. It offers us a means to obtain exercise and more importantly provides a natural learning resource for our children who enjoy observing the changing seasons and natural habitats along the numerous footpaths.

I often travel to Coventry and I have seen many brown field sites which should be developed to meet the requirements of Coventry residents. To build houses to meet Coventry's housing needs on the greenbelt north of Leamington does not make sense. Recent road works on the Kenilworth Road and A46 have demonstrated extreme delays for the normal users today. I think whatever is envisaged for the transport links will not alleviate the traffic that will be generated but increase unnecessary congestion and bottle necks. Motorist as usual will use Leamington as a 'rat run' creating more chaos in town for residents penalised by these developments. Have you surveyed the residents of Coventry to establish whether they would support this development?

I think the Warwickshire Plan should be revisited to convince its residents that the plan is forward looking and is constantly reviewed. The noise on the ground suggest that the plan is 'ill thought out'.

It would be a shame if the green belt North of Leamington is eroded and Kenilworth and Leamington lose their identities. This is a special characteristic of the area giving it a unique identity that must be preserved.

Support of the National Planning Policy Framework to release land from the greenbelt have not been demonstrated. As suggested earlier 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 need.

The proposed park and ride scheme is impractical as the proposed site is too close to Leamington to reduce traffic on the A452 and in the town. A dedicated bus service, the proposal is for a "virtual service" using the existing bus services. As a consequence it will be necessary for commuters to time usage in accordance with the bus timetable, making it inflexible. Indeed Warwick District Council is planning a new multi storey car park therefore making the park and ride service to cross Leamington to a similar scheme on the south of Leamington as envisaged somewhat superfluous.

This development will not improve the environment for local residents but will line the pockets of the developers. Careful consideration should be given to

how it will be better for Warwickshire and win support for the plan.

Kind regards

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