

**Matter 7A Written Statement – H44 North of Milverton – Jerry McDonagh (12885)**

I am contacting you about my concern over the WDC local plan's proposed development in Old Milverton and Blackdown.

The area north of Leamington provides a vital barrier to enable the communities of Leamington and Kenilworth to retain their identities. It is green belt land for a good reason and helps us from becoming a part of "Greater Coventry"

The proposal to take up Coventry's shortfall in this area makes no sense, as there is land closer to Coventry, next to Finham for instance, that could be used. This would cut down any commuting and make economic and ecological sense.

The proposed park and ride scheme in Blackdown is also not required, more touristy areas like Stratford upon Avon have them and they have failed even though the Stratford one is sited next to a train station which would give good access.

The proposed Blackdown/ Old Milverton one would have no dedicated onward transport and would be a tragic waste of precious green belt land.

I do hope you take heed of the worries of people, who would be devastated to lose this fantastic and vital green lung that we have between our communities

Yours sincerely

Jerry McDonagh