

Matter 7A Written Statement – H44 North of Milverton – Joan Bowden (4869)

I write to reinforce my concerns, expressed previously by letter, regarding the plans to build within the greenbelt in Old Milverton. I do not consider that the plans should go ahead for the following reasons.

1. I understand that the use of the greenbelt for development should only be considered as a last resort and that there are alternative sites that could be used.
2. I do not consider that the needs of the people of Coventry will be met by the current proposals. Having worked in Coventry for 20 years I am familiar with the difficulties of travel between Leamington and Coventry. Public transport is expensive, infrequent and, due to road congestion, can not be relied upon for punctuality. The proposals would mean increased traffic and further congestion. Alternative sites, closer to Coventry would be more attractive to Coventry people, with less travel and lower Coventry property prices.
3. I consider the greenbelt north of Leamington Spa to be a very valuable asset to the whole area, providing a boundary between Kenilworth and helping to maintain the integrity of the historic spa town of Leamington Spa. It provides a 'green lung' with farmland and important wildlife habitats and is a valuable facility for walkers, cyclists and runners. It is of particular value, being easily accessible, for young people to be able to experience the countryside. Future generations should not be deprived of this vital facility.

I hope that you will consider my comments.

Yours sincerely,
Joan Bowden