

Matter 7A Written Statement – H44 North of Milverton – Maggie Coleman (7039)

Regarding the proposed plan to build houses on the Greenbelt north of Leamington and encroaching on Old Milverton, I wish to register my protest. Earlier in the year I wrote, by hand, to express my view and now again I wish to state that I do not believe that Greenbelt land should be used for new housing. There are alternatives. The proposed site, which is also on the A452 will increase the traffic flow in and out of Leamington to an unacceptable level. Flow is the wrong word. the traffic at the junction with Northumberland Road is practically stationary at certain times. 1,000 new homes will create at least 2,000 more cars, just in this one area. I thought the government was trying to cut down on more cars on our roads, with the attendant pollution they will bring.

The greenbelt is vital to our health and wellbeing, and helps to prevent the increase in toxic, polluted air. Since moving to Range Meadow Close I have recovered from the severe bronchitis which plagued my life for months every winter. Old Milverton will cease to be a rural community and the Greenbelt between Kenilworth and Leamington even further reduced. At the moment residents can walk in the Greenbelt directly from their houses. If it is further away they will have drive to the nearest beautiful rural spot, so increasing transport on the roads. People who live in this beautiful, semi rural area do so because we value the countryside, and have no wish to live in a concrete jungle, or a vast sprawling conurbation. We also value the beautiful historic towns of Leamington Spa and Warwick with their wealth of listed buildings and lovely parks. Traffic in these towns is already at breaking point and I cannot understand why more is contemplated. The narrow historic roads of Warwick cannot be widened, so why build houses at all in this area?

We are in danger of ruining a beautiful environment, which once gone, can never be replaced,

Best wishes,

Maggie Coleman