

Matter 7A Written Statement – H44 North of Milverton – Michael Tansey (11683)

The current proposals to build 1350 houses, a primary school, a railway station , a medical centre, a park and ride scheme and employment development are unacceptable and extremely poorly thought through.

The major consideration is the acquisition of greenbelt which was originally excluded but by introducing the need for housing to accommodate the needs of Coventry as an excuse is reprehensible. There are plenty of spaces around Coventry where development could take place.

The surrounds of Old Milverton, a small hamlet, which provides a valuable recreational environment for the inhabitants of the surrounding towns of Warwick, Leamington and Kenilworth would be lost as would the green belt –for ever. The land in question is grade 1 agricultural land and there is a corridor of natural wetland which is home to otherwise unprotected wildlife and plant life.

The suggestion of a park and ride scheme is most impractical. The proximity of Warwick, Leamington and Kenilworth and the relative availability of parking in these towns would mean a significant space would be used up unnecessarily, not to mention the inconvenience of having to use public transport to get to and from these towns. The A 452 is already over congested and in building 1350 houses I do not believe the commuting aspect of this development has been thought through. I can see no evidence that there are justifiable circumstances to release this land from Greenbelt.

Yours sincerely,
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