

**Matter 7A Written Statement – H44 North of Milverton – Mr & Mrs Oliver (14082 / 1792)**

Dear Mr Kemp,

We are writing to you to express our grave concerns regarding the wholly unsuitable development proposals on Greenbelt land in Old Milverton.

It is a designated Greenbelt site for good reason as it stops urban sprawl and acts as a 'green lung' between Leamington and Kenilworth. The exceptional circumstances required to release the land from greenbelt have not been met. It is absurd that this greenbelt land should be considered to meet the needs of Coventry Councils housing requirements. This land is 9 miles from Coventry City centre and homes here are unlikely to be purchased by people working in Coventry. There are better alternative, more appropriate sites closer to Coventry for their needs.

Even if it could be argued that people from Coventry would commute from this location, it is adding to the already congested roads and creating more pollution by encouraging people to commute further distances.

The idea of a train station beggars belief bearing in mind Kenilworth, a large town, has fought rightly for it's on station on this line for many years and now has problems of rolling stock capacity before the station has even been built. The capacity of the line simply doesn't exist for additional stops.

As for the Park and Ride proposals, in order for a Park and Ride to be successful it needs to be a little further out to reduce the congestion on the Kenilworth Road and if located near the A46 junction could serve Kenilworth as well on already active bus routes between Leamington and Kenilworth. But with all this said, Park and Ride schemes across the country are largely ineffective and the council are planning on building a new multi-story car park in Leamington meaning the public are more likely to use central car parks for the additional convenience they offer.

The Greenbelt is highly valued productive farmland and an important wildlife habitat – please don't take this away from us and future generations.

Best Regards,

Philip Oliver & Alison Oliver