

Matter 7A Written Statement – H44 North of Milverton – Mrs A Sant Cassia (9001)

I am very concerned about the proposed development in Old Milverton. The site chosen is prime Green Belt land and should not even be considered for Leamington Spa people let alone for Coventry which is not even in the same county.

It is arrogant to presuppose that Coventry workers will want to live in North Leamington. Public transport from Coventry to Leamington Spa is poor and expensive, so they will have to commute on already over crowded and congested roads. There are other sites nearer to Coventry and in Coventry itself which should be used for Coventry people.

The Green Belt North of Leamington is all that is preventing Leamington Spa and Kenilworth from merging. This land has to be protected. There are no "Exceptional circumstances" requiring the release of this land from the Green Belt. Providing houses for Coventry is not by any stretch of the imagination, "Exceptional Circumstances".

As for the Park and Ride, it is a non starter. Who do you think is going to park their car and then use the existing bus services to take them the last 1 1/2 miles into Leamington Spa. There is plenty of parking in Leamington Spa anyway so this is completely unnecessary. Few Park and Ride schemes work and to even think of using Green Belt land for this is wicked. If this scheme goes ahead it will fail, Green Belt land will have been destroyed and the Council will have more land to build houses. Maybe that is the idea.

In short,

1. NO to building houses for Coventry
2. NO to the destruction of valuable Green Belt land
3. NO to more congestion and pollution on our roads
4. NO to a Park and Ride scheme that is sure to fail

I hope my plea to you to stop this proposed development in Old Milverton will not fall on deaf ears.

Yours sincerely,

MRS. A SANT CASSIA