

Matter 7A Written Statement – H44 North of Milverton – Professor Dominic Hassall (14286)

I have written previously regarding my concerns and objections to the seriously flawed proposed development in old milverton.

Whilst I was kindly sent an acknowledgment a detailed response was not received.

It is irresponsible to build houses on leamington green belt which is 9 miles distant from Coventry city centre when there are alternative sites closer to Coventry.

It is unlikely that people who work in Coventry will wish to purchase houses in North leamington and it will simply increase road congestion.

Green belt should only be used as a last resort which is blatantly not the case where there are alternative available sites. Exceptional circumstances cannot be applied as claimed by Warwick district council.

The proposed park and ride scheme is to close to leamington to reduce A452 traffic and there will be no dedicated buses.

Leamington spa has ample parking and as the council are aware the only park and ride scheme in the UK that actually works is in Oxford. I presume the council are aware that the park and ride scheme in Stratford upon Avon has actually been reduced. Currently there is also no funding available for the park and ride scheme.

The area is of great value to myself and other local residents being used for a variety of purposes for example walking, running, cycling, horse riding, dog walking etc.

The loss of old milverton will result in the destruction of one of the few hamlets left ruining the character of the area with the complete loss of wildlife habitat and farm land.

I hope the above points will be taken into consideration and I look forward to receiving your response.

Regards
Professor Dominic Hassall