

18th April, 2016

Planning Policy Manager  
Warwick District Council  
Riverside House  
Millerton Hill  
Leamington Spa  
CV34 5QH

Dear Sir / Madam,

I write to express my concerns re the removal of land north of Leamington Spa from the Green Belt. The reasons for my concerns are as follows: —

- The National Planning Policy Framework requires that Exceptional Circumstances are to be demonstrated in order for land to be removed from the Green Belt. I do not believe that this has happened.
- I believe that there is an order of precedence for the releasing of land from the Green Belt, and that sites on the edge of Coventry have been assessed by Warwick District Council and Coventry City Council as being of lower precedence than the site north of Millerton.
- The area north of Millerton is of great value for recreational purposes and for educational purposes giving opportunities for walking, running,

- and natural history.
- The area provides a 'green link' between Kettleworth and Leamington and a green approach to the historic regency town of Royal Leamington Spa.
- The area north of Milverton includes productive farming land together with a rich wild life habitat.
- Having worked with colleagues in Coventry for two decades I feel that the way forward is to reduce journeys to work on a daily basis. Coventry workers will be better served by new homes being built nearer to Coventry, rather than in Leamington Spa. The volume of traffic is visibly increasing in North Leamington. The building of new homes north of Leamington can only increase this.

I ask that you will seriously consider my comments.

Yours faithfully,



(MRS JOAN BOWDEN)