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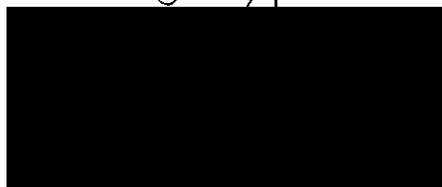
19th April 2016

Dear Sir

Re: Local Plan - Objection to Proposed Modifications.

I enclose my objections to two of the proposed modifications.

Yours faithfully



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Consultation on Proposed Modifications (2016) Response Form

For Official Only	
Person ID	
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Please use this form if you wish to support or object to the Proposed Modifications

This form has two parts:

- Part A – Personal Details
- Part B – Your Representations

If your comments relate to more than one proposed Modification you will need to complete a separate Part B of this form for each representation.

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All forms should be returned by **4.45pm on Friday 22 April 2016**

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Where to see copies of the documents:

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Part B - Your Representations

Please note: this section will need to be completed for each representation you make

4. To which proposed Modification to the Submission Plan or the updated Sustainability Appraisal (SA) does this representation relate?

Modification or SA:

Mod. Number:

Paragraph Number:

Mod. Policies Map Number:

5. Do you consider the Local Plan is :

5.1 Legally Compliant?

Yes No

5.2 Sound?

Yes No

6. If you answered no to question 5.2, do you consider the Proposed Modification is unsound because it is not:

(Please tick)

Positively Prepared:

Justified:

Effective:

Consistent with National Policy:

Please see attached sheets 1 + 2 .

Continue on a separate sheet if necessary

The land north of Milverton should remain in the Green Belt.

Continue on a separate sheet if necessary

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No, I do not wish to participate at the oral examination



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10. If you wish to participate at the oral part of the examination, please outline why you consider this to be necessary:

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11. Declaration

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Date:

19 - 4 - 2016

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Response to Question 7

Details of why I consider the Proposed Modifications to the Submission Warwick District Local Plan are unsound.

The EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES required by the National Planning Policy Framework to remove the land North of Milverton from the Green Belt have not been demonstrated by Warwick District Council.

The proposed development is to support Coventry City Council's housing need. There are sustainable sites closer to Coventry that should be used in preference to the land North of Milverton to reduce unnecessary commuting, future congestion and further road construction.

The development will not support Coventry's housing need in practice as people who want to live and work in Coventry will not buy houses on land North of Milverton.

It is necessary to take into account the "value" of potential sites to the Green Belt, with those of least value being removed first. Warwick District Council, in co-operation with Coventry City Council, has assessed sites on the edge of Coventry as being of lower Green Belt value. Therefore those sites with lower value should be used in preference to the land North of Milverton.

The "green lung" between Leamington and Kenilworth will be reduced to less than 1 1/2 miles.

The picturesque gateway on the northern side of the historic Regency town of Leamington Spa will be destroyed.

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The residents of the local towns will be deprived of an area which is highly valued and sustainable for walking, running, cycling, riding, bird watching and is used by local schools for educational walks.

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Part A - Personal Details

1. Personal Details*

2. Agent's Details (if applicable)

* If an agent is appointed, please complete only the Title, Name and Organisation boxes below but complete the full contact details of the agent in section 2.

Title	MRS	
First Name	NORMA	
Last Name	WALKER	
Job Title (where relevant)		
Organisation (where relevant)		
Address Line 1	[REDACTED]	
Address Line 2		
Address Line 3		
Address Line 4		
Postcode		
Telephone number		
Email address		

3. Notification of subsequent stages of the Local Plan

Please specify whether you wish to be notified of any of the following:

The submission of the Modifications to the appointed Inspector

Yes No

Publication of the recommendations of any person appointed to carry out an independent examination of the Local Plan

Yes No

The adoption of the Local Plan.

Yes No

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4. To which proposed Modification to the Submission Plan or the updated Sustainability Appraisal (SA) does this representation relate?

Modification or SA:	Allocation of land north of Milverton for development
Mod. Number:	14
Paragraph Number	Policy DS 15
Mod. Policies Map Number:	H 44

5. Do you consider the Local Plan is :

5.1 Legally Compliant? Yes No

5.2 Sound? Yes No

6. If you answered no to question 5.2, do you consider the Proposed Modification is unsound because it is not:

(Please tick)

Positively Prepared:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Please see attached sheets 1 + 2 .

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The development proposed on the land north of Milverton should be re-allocated to alternative sites closer to Coventry which have a lower "Green Belt" value and are capable of delivering the required housing.

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The proposal to allocate this site for development is based on Coventry City Council's housing need. However it will not meet that need in practice. Moreover the land in question is high quality green belt land. There are lower value green belt sites closer to Coventry that would be more suitable and effective.

For the proposal to be sound, it should be positively prepared. This proposal will damage important aspects of the character and resources of Leamington Spa.

Given the fact that the area is a long way from Coventry it is unlikely to be effective in meeting Coventry's housing need and it cannot be justified. People who want to live and work in Coventry will not buy houses in this area.

The proposal is inconsistent with National Policy as the obligation to use lower value green belt sites first has not been followed. This is high value Green Belt. There are lower value sites closer to Coventry which both Warwick District Council and Coventry City Council have assessed as lower value and should therefore be used first.

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The residents of local towns will be deprived of an area which is highly valued and sustainable for walking, running, cycling, riding, bird watching and is used by local schools for educational walks.

Highly productive farm land will be lost.
Long established wildlife habitat will be lost.

The proposal to allocate the land for development depends on the Park and Ride Scheme. The scheme is unsustainable because:

- there are no dedicated buses proposed. No Park and Ride Scheme could ever work without frequent dedicated buses. Expecting users to rely on existing local buses is a recipe for disaster.
- Shoppers are unlikely to use park and ride when they know there is parking in Leamington Spa. The only successful scheme is in Oxford and that has extremely limited parking in the city centre, so there is no alternative.
- Car parking requires impervious surfaces which increase the risk of flooding.
- The site is too close to Leamington and too far from the A46 roundabout which would provide better opportunities.
- There is already significant traffic congestion at peak times.