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The Local Plan

Modification:	Removal of land north of Milverton from the green belt
Mod Number:	16
Paragraph Number:	2.81
Mod. Policies Map Number:	H44

Modification:	Allocation of land north of Milverton for development
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The Exceptional Circumstances required to remove the land North of Milverton from the Green Belt have definitely not been met.

Should this land be released from the Green Belt then the beautiful Regency town of Leamington Spa will be destroyed for ever due to over population, the infrastructure and necessary services are already stretched with the ever increasing number of people moving in

The land in question is high value agricultural land and at a time when more and more agricultural land is required to produce crops for the ever increasing population it should be a high priority to keep such productive land. The wildlife habitat too would be destroyed. It makes good sense to release land of a lesser agricultural value.

Very many residents of the town of Leamington Spa regularly use the land in question for recreational purposes such as running, walking, cycling and bird watching, again, at a time when people are encouraged to take more exercise to combat the many health problems such as obesity, diabetes, etc., it makes no sense to take away this natural attractive recreational facility and so deprive, and discourage people from taking exercise.

Furthermore, the powers that be are living in cloud cuckoo land if they think that the release of this land will in any way help Coventry City Council's housing need – the land will just be used for high value housing for the more affluent in our society.

PARK & RIDE SCHEME

The proposed Park & Ride scheme is

- (a) Too close to Leamington Spa
- (b) Workers using the A452 travel to the south of Leamington where there are major employers
- (c) Shoppers are unlikely to use it without a dedicated bus service

In conclusion , the development proposed on this highly valuable agricultural and recreational land should be moved to sites closer to Coventry which have a lower “Green Belt” value and would best serve the needs of Coventry City Council.



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