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Dear Sir/Madam,

I would like to state my objection to the proposed development in Old Milverton and Blackdown contained in Warwick District Council's Preferred Options for the Local plan.

The plan proposes that new houses be built on high value Greenbelt land. The Greenbelt has been designated as such for many very good reasons, in this case primarily to protect the beautiful green fields between the historically rich towns of Kenilworth and Leamington and to provide an area for their residents to pursue healthy recreational activities such as running, walking and riding. These activities are essential for the well being of body, mind and spirit. To build new housing and a new express road in this greenbelt would cause urban sprawl and blur the distinctive identities of these two towns.

According to the Government's National Planning Policy Framework the Greenbelt should only be built on where there are "very special circumstances". The only special circumstance I can see is that increases profit available to developers for building here rather than in South Leamington. Profit is no reason to concrete over this important area of Warwickshire.

In light of this I think that you should look at developing the land south of Leamington. There is already the infrastructure to support it a large development, and it was in the 2009 Core Strategy plan which was the previous plan that was adopted by Warwick District Council. This previous plan did not involve development in the Green Belt North of Leamington. Nothing has changed since the 2009 Core Strategy, so there cannot be any justification for these fundamental changes now.

Yours Faithfully

