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Objections to the New Local Plan

All reasonable people we have spoken to are shocked at the proposed destruction of the Green Belt to the north of Leamington - the words 'sacrosanct' and 'lungs of England' come up constantly.

- Government's National Planning Policy requires very special circumstances for building in the Green Belt. There is non - Green Belt land available to the south of Leamington already identified. This land will almost certainly be developed within the next 5 years (Government's presumption for development) irrespective of green belt development. Logically it appears we can vandalise our green belt in order to save the south from development which is bound to happen anyway. So the Council's argument is totally flawed and will lead to greater urban sprawl to the North and South of the town.
- There is no employment available to the North and scattering two developments, of approximately 1000 each, in fields will result in 2 non -sustainable areas being used as dormitories with a subsequent increase in traffic on the already busy roads. The £28M road through Old Milverton is surely the most absurd and wickedly destructive suggestion .
- It is widely accepted that 2500 houses in one area are needed for a self sustaining centre.
- We have taken a census of the number of people using the green belt for recreation. On sunny weekends families and other groups and runners numbering around 80 - 90 each day can be seen using the Bamburgh Grove access alone. Are Councillors aware of this? Or perhaps they don't care! Everybody loves Leamington , and rightly so. To deface its precious green Belt diminishes the town's attractiveness and uniqueness.

To sum up the Proposals included in the New Local Plan do not comply with stated Government policy - they flout common sense as the South will be developed anyway. They will vandalise Old Milverton and the lovely northern entry in to the town which will result eventually in Leamington and Kenilworth being joined. Has nobody learned from the mistake of Leamington/ Warwick urban sprawl?

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