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Dear Sir
Local Plan May 2012

I am writing to oppose the District Council's plans to develop on Green Belt Land as shown in their 2012 Preferred Options booklet. I draw attention to the following, which does not exclude objections to other matters in the Local Plan

1. Nothing has changed since the 2009 Core Strategy, yet the new Preferred Options are a complete reversal in relation to Green Belt land. I see no justification for these fundamental changes now, nor was any explanation or justification for the changes given at a meeting at Old Milverton earlier this month.
2. The Local Plan document describes the WDC's Preferred Options. It does not present alternative options for the public to consider.
3. The model on which the plans were based is out of date: the financial situation, climate change and food security have all changed very considerably in the last two years and, according to the Prime Minister, are unlikely to change much before 2020,
4. The use of Green Belt land was to protect the nature and character of the area. Green Belt land is also a major bank of agricultural land.
5. Increasing populations, the demand for finite energy resources, and the recent steep prices in commodities are likely to worsen - wheat prices soared this year. All are strong evidence that agricultural land, particularly the high quality agricultural land in the Blackdown and Old Milverton areas should be preserved for future generations.

I am totally opposed to the change in use of Green Belt land in your Local Plan

Yours sincerely

