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Dear Development Policy Manager,

Proposed development on Green Belt Land in North Leamington.

I am writing to register the strongest possible objection to Warwick District Council's proposals to allow development on Green Belt land to the north of Leamington. In particular I refer to the area to the west of the A452 towards Old Milverton, and to land to the north-west of the A445 at Blackdown.

In the latter case, the Green Belt land in question borders the existing densely developed areas of Lillington and New Cubbington, and as such it provides a vital 'green lung' of open countryside for the benefit of many thousands of residents. This valuable amenity would be lost for ever if the proposed development is allowed to proceed.

I understand that under current guidelines the development of Green Belt land can be permitted if 'exceptional circumstances' exist and no other suitable land is available. I do not challenge the need for providing a significant number of new houses within the Warwick District Council area, but the council's own plans already show adequate non-Green Belt land to the south of Leamington which is suitable for development and has the advantage of proximity to existing infrastructure and employment opportunities.

The threatened Green Belt land to the north of Leamington has hitherto provided a much needed amenity for the local residents as well as adding considerably to the overall character of the neighbourhood. To lose it to developers would be inexcusable.

In view of the facts I have outlined, I urge Warwick District Council not to proceed with the proposals which currently exist.

Yours faithfully

