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July 19,2012

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing in regards to registering my vehement opposition to Warwick District Council's Preferred Options Local Plan for development of the greenbelt land in Old Milverton and Blackdown. It is my passionate belief that greenbelt land should be sustained for the preservation of wildlife habitat and the recreational and educational enjoyment of both adults and children alike. As no valid 'Very Special Circumstances' have been presented for the development of this greenbelt space I can see no reason to seek this as the obvious choice for the proposed plans.

There are already numerous empty shops and industrial sites in and around Leamington Spa and it would be very imprudent to develop on precious greenbelt space while these lay empty. Furthermore,non-greenbelt land was already identified as a possible location for said developments in Warwick District Council's 2009 Core Strategy and this is still available. The desirability of the Old Milverton and Blackdown greenbelt areas over the south Leamington location in the eyes of developers is not a strong enough argument to validate the plans to irrevocably damage this land! In the current economic climate,many people can ill afford to purchase their own homes which begs the question as to the practicality of further home building,especially at this time,as well as the location proposed.

The proposed development would further encourage an urban sprawl between Warwick,Leamington Spa and Kenilworth where the lines are already becoming very blurred to the detriment of the individual communities. In an age where our landscape is increasingly urbanized,it is important to preserve village life,where it exists,as an alternative lifestyle and environment. Old Milverton is a classic example and a special place for both residents and visitors alike and very worthy of being left to stand alone as a community without being absorbed into Leamington Spa.

As a longstanding resident and taxpayer of Warwickshire, I believe that my views and those of others in oppositon to this development,have the right to be listened to and respected. Thank you for your time in reading this letter and it is my fervent hope that my views will be valued.

Yours sincerely,

