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Dear Sir

Reference: The New Local Plan; Preferred Options, May 2012.

I have read the plan summary with considerable interest and I find it to be comprehensive in scope, but somewhat vague on details. However I must record my objection to the proposal to build on Green Belt land to the north of Leamington Spa.

The countryside between Leamington and Kenilworth is too precious to be swallowed up by ribbon development of the type that has blighted parts of England since the 1920's. If this part of the Plan is allowed to go ahead it will spoil the approach to the town whichever route one takes from the north., I believe the principle of extending the new housing in that direction to be flawed for the following reasons.

- 1 Although the plan states on page 7 that the Milverton Gardens development and the Blackdown development will include employment facilities, there is no way that new developments such as these will avoid adding to the traffic volumes already entering the town from this direction. The places where these potential residents are likely to have to find employment are likely to be in the industrial estates such as Tournament Fields to the west of Warwick, the industrial estates such as Siddenham and Heathcote to the south of Leamington, or even as far as the car plants at Gaydon..
- 2 The principal of destroying any green belt with such lack of vision, when there is so much space on the south side of Leamington, already designated as developable land ,which is on the side of the town where employment is growing and is set to grow further as the Technology Park beside the A452 south of the Heathcote Industrial Estate develops, displays a complete lack of sense for the reality of the situation.

I believe that by maintaining the Green Belt on the North side of Leamington Spa, the plan can be more cost effective as the cost of extending the infrastructure services such as sewage and power/gas services will be reduced. Also much of the

Roads development plans can be simplified at much reduced cost and less disruption to everyday life.

In summary, I object to the encroachment into the Green Belt for the Milverton Gardens and Blackdown developments, which require this. I object to the excessive expenditure on infrastructure which these plans will undoubtedly require, which will make further encroachment easy options for future generations, and which I fear will lead to the fusion of the Leamington and Kenilworth conurbations in the course of a generation or two.

No justification is given in the plan document for this illegal encroachment, and I record my strong disapproval of the plan while it contains this delinquent component

Yours faithfully

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