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Dear Sir

I recently attended the meeting at Hill Close Gardens and heard the case put for the New Local Plan.

I understood the reason why Warwick District Council should formulate their own plan rather than have the Government force a plan upon them and also that it is their wish to "Spread the pain" around the whole district, as one councillor put it.

However I do object to the violation of the principle of encroaching on Green Belt sites, particularly when other suitable sites have not been fully utilised, and fear that, it sets a dangerous precedent.

Whilst fully accepting that there is a great need in the future to provide housing in our area, could we not have some guarantees that the Allotments in Northumberland Road area could be spared if the decision goes ahead as planned? I understand from my neighbours that the Allotments have been under threat for many years.

This is a vital resource for our locality and with the current economic climate and potential food shortage implications, growing one's own food locally can only be of more importance in the future, not less.

Yours sincerely

S E Goldsmith (Mrs)