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Subject: Meeting at Old Milverton

Dear John and Norman

I am sure that you will have appreciated the strength of feeling that was evident at last night's meeting.

For the communities of Old Milverton, Blackdown and Cubbington the Green Belt serves three vital functions. Firstly, it gives assurance that the communities will not become consumed by urban sprawl from Leamington Spa. Secondly, it preserves the rural setting that is the main attraction of such settlements. Thirdly, it safeguards the valuable amenity of open and accessible countryside within easy reach. We have taken it for granted that the Green Belt will be protected by our local planning authority and this trust has largely been honoured for half a century or so. We now find ourselves in the position where the Green Belt is threatened by the very guardians in which we have placed our trust.

Neither of you addressed last night's meeting, so your own views on this matter were not revealed. However, I take your silence as acquiescence with the views that were expressed by Cllr. Doody and Mr. Hunt; I hope that I am wrong in this presumption.

I find it particularly ironic that Warwick District Council has responded to the threat to our countryside posed by HS2 by rigorously opposing it, taking a prominent role in the 51m alliance of local authorities. Yet this same authority is proposing to inflict damage on Green Belt land that lies within a kilometre or so of the Green Belt land that HS2 will consume.

May I suggest that you should pay heed to the wishes of the people that you represent on Warwick District Council and oppose this plan to deplete the Green Belt in Cubbington Ward?

Kind regards