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Dear Sir/Madam,

**Proposed development on Green Belt Land in Blackdown and Milverton**

I wish to place on record my objections to the above proposal. Whilst I fully accept that population growth in the area will require the construction of some new homes, I object both to the use of Green Belt land when other land is available, and to what may be flawed projections of the demand for additional housing. My reasons are set out in detail below.

1. The area to the north of Leamington has neither the infrastructure nor the employment opportunities to support the development. As non Green Belt land is available to the south of Leamington it would make sense to place the development there, where residents would have better access to employment. More otherwise unnecessary car journeys to the area of employment in the south of the town would be the result of placing so much housing to the north.
  
2. The areas of Old Milverton and Blackdown are part of the Green Belt which is designed to prevent the coalescence of urban areas. Were this development to take place such urban coalescence would be the result, with the ever-present danger of there being no green space or non-urban amenity between Leamington and Kenilworth.

3. The population growth projections could well be inaccurate, since they assume a continuation of a recent exceptionally high rate of growth. This assumption may well be misplaced.
  
4. The National Planning Policy Framework states that Green Belt land should be developed only when there is insufficient non Green Belt land available for development. The available land to the south of the town means that non Green Belt land is available in a place with greater infrastructure and better access to employment. Development to the south would obviate the need for the expenditure of £28,000,000 of scarce public funds on a relief road.

Yours faithfully,

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