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Dear Sir/Madam,

Proposed development on Green Belt Land in North Leamington

I write to object most strongly to the proposed development. My reasons are as follows:-

1. The areas of Old Milverton and Blackdown are part of the Green Belt which is designed to prevent urban sprawl. Were this development to take place urban sprawl is precisely what would happen, with the ever-present danger of there being no green space or non-urban amenity between Leamington and Kenilworth.
2. The area 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. To site the housing development to the north of the town would inevitably mean more car journeys made by people travelling to their place of work.
3. 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 this is simply not the case.

4. The population projections may be flawed, since they assume a continuation of a recent exceptionally high rate of growth. This assumption could well be false.

5. The expenditure of £28,000,000 of taxpayers' money on a North Leamington Relief Road cannot be justified when the development could be made on the available land to the south of the town without the need for such a road.

In conclusion I wish to state that I fully accept that population growth in the area will necessitate the construction of some new homes. It is both the number of homes thought to be necessary and their location on Green Belt land to which I object most strongly.

Yours faithfully,

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