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Development Policy Manager,
Development Services,
Warwick DC,
Riverside Hs,
Milverton Hill,
Royal Leamington Spa.

Dear Sir,

although I have no objections to the building of new homes in our area, I find it difficult to agree with the council's 'preferred options'. Firstly, I have been unable to identify any source for the projection- figure for new homes required and that, surely, is the central essence of this plan.

Secondly, the plan appears to intend to swallow up large swathes of green belt, which I know, is well loved and appreciated in North Leamington and I am sure all around the area, without putting forward any reasons for this being necessary. Are there alternative sites that are non-green belt? If so, why have they not been chosen in the 'preferred options' and if there is good reason that they have not been; why have we not been informed?

The development in infrastructure needed for the greenbelt areas designated, would be immense in cost, loss of countryside and disturbance. These resources, I feel, could be more effectively used to benefit the whole community by being directed towards central maintenance issues and to make 'in-town' small businesses more vital.

The plan appears to advocate a larger part of the population living farther from the amenities of the town (meaning even more journeys). This would without doubt mean that some businesses would seek to move to these areas, furthering evaporation of the town centre. Why ruin green spaces to accommodate a plan to provide green spaces? The plan also proposes for the south side of Kenilworth, which would cause all of the same problems there. I feel that this is certainly leading to there being a Leamington, with it's centre being somewhere around the A46 Junction, in the not distant future.

Along with consideration for the above and for the massive impact that the implementation of this plan would have on the diverse wildlife and well managed and productive farmland to be found, especially in the North Leamington sites, I would urge the Development Department of Warwick DC to think again.

Yours sincerely,

