

Green Belt Issue - 1a

For the Plan to be sound, the overall need must be met with the ability to make more than adequate provision and be flexible. It is accepted that the Council must assure the Inspector that it has sufficient land available to meet the projected need and, in doing so, the Plan basically proposes to 'allocate' a number of sites.

Whilst the sites being proposed by the Council may be wholly reasonable, for the alterations to the Green Belt boundary to be justified, it is felt that there should be an objective and public discussion about the relative merits of the sites being proposed for allocation and those which are not.

We have an interest in approx 2.0 ha of land, which directly adjoins proposed allocation site H2.23. Together, they would provide for 70 or 80 new houses of mixed affordability rather than merely the 20 (of possibly less mixed affordability) if only H2.23 is allocated in isolation.

It is therefore suggested that in order to meet the growing need for new housing and provide sufficient flexibility over the Plan Period, significant areas of land must be released from the Green Belt. To offset such release, not only should 'released land' be in a sustainable location but the maximum benefits will come from early release in order to make the earliest possible contribution to Government policy and more local targets.

This will require a further alteration to the Green Belt boundary.

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Reference is made to the 2009 Green Belt Review of all the possible development sites around Coventry. This resulted in a schedule of Least Constrained Green Belt Sites. The adjoining land to the south and west of H2.23 (in Warwick) was determined to be "least constrained".

With the sustainability advantages of development in this area, adjacent to the University and its infrastructure, it is suggested that a small increase to the area already proposed to be released can be readily accepted and would advantageous to meeting policy objectives.