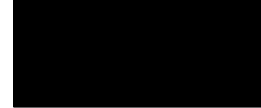


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For the attention of Mrs. Rebecca Phillips

Coventry Local Plan. Proposed development of Meriden Gap Green Belt.

We wish to record our joint objection to the above proposals, currently the subject of the Inspectors' examination.

Without wishing to waste time reiterating those arguments we want to underline our agreement with most of the arguments made against the proposals being considered. We have, in particular, read and totally agree with the objections of the Allesley Green Residents Association dated 30th August 2016. We believe the proposals are ill-considered and based on little more than conjecture on the part of the City Council and the developers.

We would like to comment on the reports on which the proposals are based; the golf course land and our main objection to the proposals, the infrastructure, particularly roads, part of the reports.

We have read most of the documents and reports that will be before the inspector when she considers the matter. Many of them seem to us to be little more than "finger-in-the-air" figures and statistics and reflect no more than what the organisations who commissioned them want them to say. Many are lacking in facts, heavily hedged about with caveats and emphasising the need for further investigations. We are pretty sure that if our own pockets were deep enough, we would have little trouble in successfully commissioning a report concluding that "subject to caveats 1-55 and bearing in mind the need for further investigations, the possibility is that the Earth is flat... and even if it isn't it jolly-well should be". Statistics and reports can tell those commissioning them absolutely anything they want others to believe, but we would urge that they should not be unquestioningly relied on. It is a well-known statistic that six out of seven dwarves isn't Happy, but you can't draw the conclusion that only one in seven isn't sad!

We think, with respect, that the inspector is experienced, and perhaps slightly cynical enough to appreciate that just because something is written down and placed in front of her by a consultant it is not necessarily correct.