

Issues & Options Consultation  
Development Strategy  
Rugby Borough Council  
Town Hall  
Evreux Way  
Rugby  
CV21 2RR

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Re: Objection to proposed changes to the local plan especially changes to GREEN BELT boundaries for additional employment land at the M6 Junction 2 Ansty junction.

Dear Sir/Madam

I would like to express my objection to the proposed changes to green belt boundaries at the site north of the M6 junction 2 as outlined in the council consultation documentation regarding the intended revision of the local plan.

I understand that that this GREEN BELT land which sits on the very edge of Rugby boundary with Coventry is being put forward as possible employment land, I believe that this is not in line with the principles set out in the NATIONAL PLANNING POLICY FRAMEWORK.

The government has emphasised the utmost importance of protecting GREEN BELT LAND. They have also stipulated that brownfield land should be prioritized before contemplating changes to green belt land and this should only be used in 'EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES'. Any inappropriate development of GREEN BELT LAND would be seen as detrimental.

There is no evidence that additional employment land is required in the area. Rugby's employment data is 81.4% which is higher than West Midlands rate of 74.3%. The unemployment rate for Rugby is 3% The claim that such a large area of employment land is urgently required is not reflected in these figures.

This Green belt land is a buffer between the urban sprawl of Coventry and villages in Warwickshire, it is your responsibility as a council to ensure that GREEN BELT LAND within Warwickshire remains in place to prevent urban sprawl swallowing the village of Ansty and keeps Ansty as characterful village. The removal of the GREEN BELT would have a severe impact on the local environment, biodiversity and the quality of life for Ansty residents. If this land is used for employment purposes I can foresee that Ansty would become merged into Coventry.

**When GREEN BELT land is gone it is gone for good!**

I urge you to consider the future health of the generations to come and keep the land North of Junction 2 of the M6 as green belt land.

Yours Faithfully