



# North Leamington Green Belt



*From Old Milverton towards North Leamington*



*From Blackdown towards Warwick*



*Popular rights of way through the countryside*



*Significant areas of Grade 2 farmland*

♥ **360 ACRES OF OPEN GREEN BELT LAND**

♥ **2 MILES OF RURAL FOOTPATHS**

♥ **OPEN VIEWS OVER THE AVON VALLEY FROM LILLINGTON TO WARWICK**

♥ **HOME TO DIVERSE HABITATS AND PROTECTED SPECIES**

**THE NEXT PHASE OF THE SOUTH WARWICKSHIRE  
LOCAL PLAN COULD DESTROY ALL THIS.  
NOW IS THE TIME TO HAVE YOUR SAY**

## Strategic Growth Location 06

The green belt north of Leamington has been designated a strategic growth location in the *Preferred Options Consultation* for the South Warwickshire Local Plan (SWLP).

In total, there are 24 strategic growth locations and 12 new settlement locations across South Warwickshire. They are all possibilities and none have been decided upon yet.



SG06 – the area in blue – has capacity for 3000 homes.<sup>1</sup>

The SWLP needs to show how it will provide around 30,000.

<sup>1</sup>Preferred Options Sustainability Appraisal. Table 5.1, page 50, available at: [www.southwarwickshire.org.uk/swlp/technical-evidence.cfm](http://www.southwarwickshire.org.uk/swlp/technical-evidence.cfm)

## Why SG06 should be excluded from the Plan

The Plan has capacity for enough homes without building on green belt land.<sup>1</sup>

It is not lawful to build on green belt land if capacity can be met elsewhere.

SG06 is not a 'sustainable location'. It is a 30 minute walk to Leamington train station from the closest point and a one hour walk from the furthest.

The public footpaths are used and enjoyed by thousands of local residents and visitors.

The area provides habitat for wildlife and plant species including:

- ♥ roe deer, muntjac deer, badgers, rural foxes
- ♥ birds on the RSPB's conservation 'red list' such as skylarks, swifts, fieldfares, house sparrows and starlings
- ♥ birds of prey such as sparrowhawks, peregrine falcons, kestrels and buzzards.



**Old Milverton and Blackdown Parish Council will be making these arguments and more in our response to the SWLP Consultation. Visit [www.ombparish.org.uk](http://www.ombparish.org.uk) to find out how to respond and to get more information.**

## CONSULTATION CLOSES 7<sup>TH</sup> MARCH

### What can I do?

1. Make your views heard by responding to the SWLP consultation by **7<sup>th</sup> March 2025**.
2. Visit the Old Milverton and Blackdown Parish Council website for more information and advice on how to respond: [www.ombparish.org.uk](http://www.ombparish.org.uk)
3. Write to your MP and local councillors.
4. Help distribute leaflets and spread the word (use the contact form on our website).
5. Ask questions at the local SWLP consultation drop-ins:
  - Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February 1pm to 7pm at Newbold Comyn Leisure Centre
  - Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> February 10am to 3.30pm at Warwick Library
  - Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February 10am to 12pm online @ [southwarwickshire.org.uk/swlp/preferred-options](http://southwarwickshire.org.uk/swlp/preferred-options)

### Find out more



Old Milverton and Blackdown  
Joint Parish Council



South Warwickshire  
Local Plan website