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Dear

Re: Proposed development in Keresley

I have recently received a large petition of over 3,000 names expressing objections to the proposed development of an "eco-suburb" in Keresley. Due to widespread concerns about this proposal I thought I would take this opportunity to clarify a few details and to let you know how you can register your objections.

Background:

The proposal for the 3,500 homes in Keresley appeared in the City Council's Core Strategy Document that set out how the city would cope with population growth in the region over the next decade.

This ill-conceived proposal would mean what is lost will set a precedent for future development of the green belt. In short these problems mean that every green space in Coventry is vulnerable. It is also astonishing that these proposals have been made without addressing the implications this would have on existing infrastructure, such as schools, health centres, roads, etc. As a result of these problems I have taken the decision to oppose this proposal..

It is important that the case against the proposal is made as effectively as possible. With this in mind I have been working closely with Keresley Parish Council to ensure that local views spearhead the opposition as it is the existing community that knows best how this proposal would affect the area.

If you would like more information on how to get involved with the case against this proposal please contact Sandra Camwell from Keresley Parish Council on 024 7633 2622.

Examination:

Now that the Core Strategy document has been submitted for examination by an independent inspector we have a real opportunity to express our concerns

about these proposals and potentially force the City Council to rethink where these properties should be built.

The purpose of this examination is to ensure that the Core Strategy is "justified, effective and consistent with national policy". Keresley Parish Council, will be making representations at these examination hearings to ensure that local voices are heard.

These hearings will be public events and you are welcome to attend it will be Keresley Parish Council who will be speaking on behalf of the community.

Wednesday 11th November	09:30am Housing
Thursday 12th November	09:30am Green Belt
Friday 13th November	09.30am Housing
Wednesday 18th November	09:30am Cross Border Housing Issues
Thursday 19th November	09:30am Keresley

This Examination is being conducted over a four week period from Tuesday 10th November to Friday 4th December. Anybody wishing to attend must advise the LDF Programme Officer, Anne Lynch. She can be contacted at:

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These processes are complex and time consuming, however they are also very important. I will continue to work closely with Keresley Parish Council to ensure that we get the result we want. I have also included a short survey to understand the level and depth of consultation that Coventry City Council carried out with local residents on their housing proposals. I would be grateful if you would return this to my office using the freepost address. If you have any further questions about this matter please do let me know.

Yours sincerely,



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P.S. A progress meeting for "Save our Greenbelt" is to be held at the Hare and Hounds, Watery Lane at 7.30pm on Wednesday 21st October 2009. - Website - <http://www.keresleyvillages.org.uk>