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**Dear Secretary of State,**

**re Call in, 2500 Homes at Kings Hill, Warwickshire W 18 / 0643,**  
**Coventry Highways application FUL/2018/0842**  
**CPRE Warwickshire letter of 7 Feb 2020.**

I am writing to ask you to call in the application for 2500 homes at Kings Hill **W 18 / 0643,** recently granted permission by Warwick DC, [and the linked Coventry Highways application FUL/2018/0842 ] .

1. the homes aren't needed; the latest population evidence shows the population growth of Coventry has been vastly overestimated. It is not growing twice as fast as Birmingham, three times as fast as Solihull, and four times as fast as Warwick. All the real time indicators show that growth is only average, not hyperspeed- births, school admissions, voters, car registrations, gas and electricity usage, pension and benefit claims, mobs, housing starts, domestic waste produced are the same as in neighbouring towns.
2. This application, is a symptom of a wider regional problem: In our area, (*NAME YOUR OWN AREA ie Allesley Green, Eastern Green, Hawkesbury, Keresley.....*) we have seen land taken from green belt and allocated to housing for the same reason – to accommodate alleged unmet need in Coventry. These include 3600 homes at Eastern Green, 3100 homes at Keresley, 550 homes at Coundon, Hawkesbury Golf Course 380, School Lane 220, Hospital Lane 398, and the others shown on the CPRE map. All told it comes to 17232 on the edges of Coventry and 8700 further away in the region.
3. We urge you to call in the application at Kings Hill and suspend the other applications in ex-greenbelt around the region (listed in the CPRE letter) until the population growth evidence behind all these sites can be independently re-examined. 4 world experts have agreed that the new evidence is “compelling”

Reasons why it is not sustainable to build more houses at (*the sites in your own local area Eastern Green/Keresley/Coundon Wedge/Hawkesbury/Exhall/Hospital Lane etc*)

4. it will cause havoc to local traffic. *Already in the mornings/evenings, traffic backs up at DESCRIBE A LOCAL TRAFFIC BLACK SPOT.....* Highways England are concerned about current "severe congestion" at motorway junctions in the region (M6 J3, M42 J6, thickthorn, stivichal , tollbar, A444 Bell Green) .

5. Coventry already has the worst air quality in the West Midlands. One in twenty people here die from lung and chest ailments, and still the city has no agreed air quality action plan. My child, relation, neighbour, colleague has asthma/copd/stroke/dementia/heart attack and this really worries me. This will make it much worse.
6. In a climate crisis, homes on the edge of Coventry are a strategic mistake. Homes built on the edges of cities have a carbon footprint/person up to four times that of city centre developments
7. *[my personal reasons ..wildlife, recreation, schools, biodiversity, flooding, history, landscape, hospitals full up, infrastructure, openness of the countryside....]*

Please call in this application, now. It is very urgent. Once a S106 agreement is concluded (which is likely to happen by 3 March 2020 at Kings Hill), it will be impossible to retrieve the situation there.

This is an opportunity to avert a major regional mistake. I agree that the country needs more homes, but they need to be in the right place – not miles and miles from where they are really needed.

Yours sincerely,