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Good Afternoon Louise

Thank you for your email of 6 October regarding further documents for comment in the Welwyn Hatfield Local Plan Examination.

We're pleased to have the opportunity to have our say and our comments are as follows:

Re EX156 Welwyn Hatfield Landscape Sensitivity Assessment Report

We object to the following areas potentially being selected for removal from the Green Belt:

Landscape Character Area 53 Northaw Common Parkland (inc sub-areas 53a, 53b and 53c)

Landscape Character Area 55 Theobalds Estate (inc sub area 55a)

Landscape Character Area 56 Cheshunt Common (adjacent to settlement in Cuffley)

The WHBC Landscape Assessment Report (July 2019) is at odds with the Welwyn Hatfield Green Belt Study (March 2019), as the Landscape report has given Cuf 17, 17a and 17b within Northaw Common Parkland LCA 53 a much lower rating than the earlier Green Belt report which gave the same area a High harm rating. How can identical reports by the same consultants produce conflicting assessments within such a short space of time when nothing in the area has

changed ?

There are no exceptional circumstances that justify the removal of any land from the Green Belt in Cuffley and the areas in close proximity to Cuffley for development.

The possible loss of these areas from the Green Belt would destroy all the positive benefits that the Green Belt provides, eg farming, outdoor sports and leisure pursuits, health and well-being of residents and wildlife. It would also have a detrimental effect on the visual openness of the landscape and local environment. The afore-mentioned areas should remain in the Green Belt permanently to prevent urban sprawl.

It is extremely disappointing that the Green Belt around these areas could gradually be reduced just to suit local and national government development policies.

We hope that the examiners will give our comments careful consideration.

Many thanks

Mrs Susan Scarlett and Mr Robert Scarlett