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Planning Inspectorate: Cuf17,Cuf17A,Cuf17B
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I am here following up my earlier written objections to possible development (designated on the Local Plan), particularly regarding the sites, Cuf 17, Cuf 17A, and Cuf 17B. My objections are submitted here also in the light of the Green Gap Assessment (August 2019), which appears not to maintain -- in fact, it contradicts -- the earlier, very clearly expressed statement in the LUC Green Belt Study (March 2019) which recognizes the special importance of this section of the Northaw Common Parkland Area 53.

On the basis of Landscape Sensitivity alone, this apparent downgrading of Green Belt protection for the relevant sites would be highly adverse in its effects. This precious corner of the English countryside, a remnant of historical parkland and woodland, has retained great value throughout many centuries. It serves to guarantee an essential quality of rural openness.

As a long-term resident of Northaw, I can also attest its significance in conservational terms: the value of the local biodiversity, flora and fauna, animal and bird habitats, with both ecological implications and, indeed, functioning as a vital enclave against encroachment. Abundant scientific evidence demonstrating the widespread climate emergency also underlines the need to retain the integrity of these particular green spaces. The special visual amenity for local residents, visitors and walkers must be emphasized as a further reason in landscape terms to reject any proposed development on these sites.

So, I am reconfirming my own strenuous opposition to proposed development schemes in this part of the Northaw Common Parkland Area or the downgrading of its previous

Impact rating, which had fully taken into account the central issue of Landscape Sensitivity.

Many thanks.

Kind regards,

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