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BY EMAIL

Dear Mr Berkeley (Inspector)

Re: North Herts Local Plan/further hearings March 2020

Further to recent email exchanges with Louise St John Howe, Programme Officer.

Ashwell Parish Council requests that the following comments are considered at the further hearings scheduled.

- (i) Please bear in mind the submissions made by the Parish Council and Ashwell residents in respect of AS1 particularly with regard to outstanding matters re the Green Belt/Rural Areas beyond the Green Belt.
- (ii) Consider the District Council's inconsistent application of NPPF Policies with respect to determining the suitability of AS1 (use of incorrect data in the Land Allocation process).
- (iii) Consider that there remains an incompatibility between Policy AS1 (allocation of 30 dwellings), and Policies SP13 Historic Environment and HE1 Heritage Assets. The evidence, and hence justification, required by the latter two policies is provided by Examination Library NHE1: Heritage Assessment Ashwell. This concludes that allocating the whole site for housing is incompatible with NPPF policy, ie x30 dwellings are not achievable on this site.

The Parish Council looks forward to hearing your response.

Jane Porter (Mrs) Clerk to the Council