

**24 January 2020**

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By post and email

Dear Louise,

**North Herts District Council draft Local Plan: Site LG6  
Respondent 4411 and 5878**

In January 2015, I supplied my responses to the consultation on the Local Plan, and given the further opportunity, on 1 February 2019 I supplied a (amended) further submission which, as I understood was required, I sent to the Council's Nottingham PO Box address. On 3 February 2019 you emailed me noting that I would be sending this further letter, but I received no acknowledgement of its receipt, and wonder whether it became lost within the Council's postal systems. I hope you will accept the copy which I now enclose.

Thank you now for your email of 21 January, giving the further opportunity to submit comments for consideration with regard to the Council's proposed amendments to the draft Local Plan and the Inspector's further questions posed to them. I confirm that I write specifically with regard to Housing site LG6, the land forming a buffer strip between Radburn Way and Baldock Road, Letchworth and its relevance to Matter 22, the supply of land for housing.

The Inspector has stated understandably that submissions should not be repetitious, but as you may not previously have seen the earlier letter, I wish to confirm that I consider the Council's comments with regard to this site to be inaccurate and misleading and the inclusion of the site in the Local Plan to be unsound and based purely on the Council's ownership and desire for profit from it.

Despite the neglect of the site over the last few years, and the Council's destruction of the bat habitat, the land still forms a "green lung" enjoyed by the 65 dwellings that back on to it and the varied wildlife that inhabits it. Letchworth is very proud of its status as the world's First Garden City, and it is an important part of the ethos of the town that areas of open land should be available within the developed areas of the town. Site LG6 is such an area. If developed, it would only offer some 35 additional homes, which would themselves be less than desirable given the overlooking and shade I have identified, and given the reduction in need stated by the Office for National Statistics, I remain hopeful that the Inspector will recommend that it should be removed from the Local Plan.

As requested, I enclose three printed copies of this submission, and will also send them to you electronically.

Yours sincerely

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