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NHDC Emerging Local Plan Consultation on Main Modifications 2019 – Objections/Comments

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Dear Mr Berkeley,

You have kindly provided a second Examination in Public to enable the closer examination of the North Herts District Local Plan. This matter and the attached letter from the NHDC that relates to areas protected by the Green Belt which you are yet to release.

Whilst we appreciate that you will be subjected to various ploys to provide you with proof that there are many willing developers ready to cease the opportunity to build on our protected Green Belt, the attached letter is yet further proof of the cynical attempt of the NHDC to ignore its and your relevance to the process concerning viability. As I have advised you previously, site WY1 in Little Wymondley lost the original developer Bovis Homes two years ago, despite NHDC grandstanding with an MOU at your first EiP.

The attached letter is to prove to you that matters are progressing with a potential development and once again shows scant disregard to the Wymondley Parish Neighbourhood Plan which has been accepted at referendum and adopted by the NHDC. We trust that you have had the opportunity to study this work of the team of local volunteers, all living in the Parish.

We also believe that this hurried desire to issue permission to proceed with a screening application without the necessity for an EIA, demonstrates the lack of consideration that the NHDC have for the issues arising from flooding and poor air quality in the Village, which are all well documented and resting with you. Additionally, this site is, according to the second draft of the NHDC Green Belt review, “Significant” in Green Belt terms.

We trust that once the correct number of homes has been agreed, that you will kindly turn your attention to the Sites and that we will in turn utilise the designations of “Significant” and “Moderate” values to exclude them from the Local Plan.

We fully recognise the depth of work that you have been faced with here, but we urge you to truly consider the impact of the release of such vast amounts of Green Belt.

We remain

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Adrian Hawkins', written in a cursive style.

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