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Local Plan - Rose Farm as Green Belt

Rose Farm was registered with NHDC as a site for potential development in 2014 and a request was made for it to be included in a revised settlement boundary of Whitwell. (Emails from planning officers Chris Carter 15.10.15 and David Hill 16.9.15 confirm these requests). Instead it has been decided to place Rose Farm in a new Green Belt boundary, the only property in Whitwell to be designated Green Belt.

Please can you explain the reasons for these decisions and provide any internal documents, correspondence and reports which relate to them.

Namely;

1. Why was Rose Farm not considered as a potential site for sustainable development in future.
[This is set out in the Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment, 2016 Update https://www.north-herts.gov.uk/planning/planning-policy/local-plan/local-plan-supporting-evidence/housing-studies](https://www.north-herts.gov.uk/planning/planning-policy/local-plan/local-plan-supporting-evidence/housing-studies)
2. Why was it not included in a revised Whitwell settlement boundary.
[The reasons for not allocating the site in the Local Plan are set out in the Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment 2016 Update, page 46 is relevant. Sites which have not been included as allocations in the Proposed Submission Local Plan have not been included in village boundaries.](#)
[The link in \(1.\) above is the relevant document.](#)
3. Why was Rose Farm placed inside a new Green Belt boundary.
[This is set out in the North Hertfordshire Green Belt Review, July 2016, the relevant pages in the study are 152 – 156 inclusive.](#)
<https://www.north-herts.gov.uk/planning/planning-policy/emerging-local-plan/local-plan-supporting-evidence/countryside-and-green>