

# Welwyn Hatfield Council Draft Local Plan Proposed Pre-Submission

## Representation

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### PART B

#### Section 5

To which part of the draft Local Plan does this representation relate?

Paragraph Number:	2.56
Policy Number:	
Policies Map Number or Inset Map Name:	
Table Number:	
Figure Number:	

#### Section 6

Do you consider the draft Local Plan is legally compliant?

No response

#### Section 7

Do you consider the draft Local Plan is sound?

Yes	
No	X

If no, is this because it is NOT (please select all that apply):

Positively prepared	
Justified	X
Effective	
Consistent with national policy	X

**Please give details of why you consider the draft Local Plan is sound or unsound. Please be as precise as possible.** (Attach supporting documents if necessary.)

The statement in the Green Belt section of the chapter on the profile of the Borough, that 'meeting the needs for housing growth cannot be delivered without taking land out of the Green Belt' is not justified and is not consistent with national planning policy, because the scale of housing needs and the extent to which they can be accommodated without the use of Green Belt land either within the Borough or elsewhere, has not been determined in accordance with national policy.

## Section 8

**Please set out the changes you consider necessary to make the draft Local Plan legally compliant or sound including revised wording of any policy or text. Be as precise as possible.** (Please note that any non-compliance with the Duty to Co-operate cannot be rectified at the examination.)  
**You will need to say why the change will make the draft Local Plan legally compliant or sound.** (Attach supporting documents if necessary.)

The statement in paragraph 2.56 should be amended to state that meeting the housing needs of the Borough without the loss of Green Belt to development will be very challenging and may not be achievable.

**If your representation is seeking a change, do you consider it necessary to take part and speak at the examination hearing?**

<b>No</b>	I do not wish to take part in the examination hearing	
<b>Yes</b>	I wish to take part in the examination hearing if invited to do so by the Inspector	<b>X</b>

## Section 9

**If you wish to take part in the examination hearing, please outline why you consider this to be necessary:**

CPRE Hertfordshire wishes to explain the reasons for concerns about the way conclusions about housing need have been reached and the apparent, unjustified, assumption made that this inevitably requires the release of land from the Green Belt. These matters need to be addressed in an Inspector-led discussion of this matter.

Please also see our representations on Chapters 3 and 5 on Housing Targets.

**Do you wish to be notified of any of the following?** (please select all that apply)

<b>When the Welwyn Hatfield Local Plan has been submitted for independent examination</b>	Yes
<b>When the Inspector's Report of the Welwyn Hatfield Local Plan is published</b>	Yes
<b>Adoption of the Welwyn Hatfield Local Plan</b>	Yes

**Signature :**



**Date : 24<sup>th</sup> October 2016**