

# 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:	21.4
Policy Number:	SADM 31
Policies Map Number or Inset Map Name:	
Table Number:	15
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.)

No exceptional circumstances for the removal of the proposed housing site (HS22) for 250 dwellings from the Green Belt west of Brookmans Park have been set out by the Council, contrary to national planning policy (NPPF paragraph 83).

Development of this site would have a major adverse impact on the stated purposes of the Green Belt, in particular causing significant encroachment of built development into the countryside. The proposal is therefore unsound, in that it is unjustified by the evidence presented by the Council, and because it is based on an excessive housing target for the Borough, as explained in our representations on Policy SP 2, as well as being in conflict with Green Belt policy set out in the NPPF.

## 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.)

Paragraph 21.4 should be deleted, and Site HS22 deleted from SADM 31 and Table 15.

**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 particular consequences of the removal of the site from the Green Belt and believe that they need to be addressed in an Inspector-led discussion of the proposal.

**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**