

# 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:	
Policy Number:	SADM 1
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	X
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.)

SADM 1 point 'i' does not fully reflect NPPF policy, in that it currently refers to infill being acceptable in 'excluded villages' but NPPF policy allows such development in all villages in the Green Belt. This point is also relevant to policy SADM 34.

SADM 1 point 'v' refers to 'disproportionate' growth, but this is not defined, as pointed out in our representation on Policy SP 3 and supporting text.

The final sentence of SADM 1 fails to set policy limitations on development, for example for sites within the Green Belt. This is unsound in that it could allow inappropriate development to take place contrary to the intentions and objectives of the Plan.

## 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 word 'excluded' should be deleted from SADM 1 'i'.

'Disproportionate' should be defined.

The words 'subject to the proposal being consistent with the other policies of the Plan' should be added at the end of the final sentence of SADM 1.

**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>X</b>
<b>Yes</b>	I wish to take part in the examination hearing if invited to do so by the Inspector	

## Section 9

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

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

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

Signature :



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