

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:	16.3 – 16.4
Policy Number:	SADM 27
Policies Map Number or Inset Map Name:	
Table Number:	11
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 from the Green Belt of the proposed housing site (HS15) for 150 dwellings on the northern edge of Woolmer Green, have been set out by the Council, contrary to national planning policy (NPPF paragraph 83).

Development of this site would have an adverse impact on four of the stated purposes of the Green Belt. It 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.

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.)

Policy SADM 27, paragraphs 16.3 and 16.4, and Table 11 should be deleted from the Plan.

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

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

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 in the context of the relationship of the Green Belt boundary within the Borough to that in the adjacent areas of Knebworth in North Hertfordshire, and Stevenage, 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)

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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