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:	SP 22
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.)

Policy SP 22 proposes the creation of a major urban extension to the north-west of Hatfield that would include the construction of 1,650 dwellings. All of the land covered by the proposal lies within the Green Belt as defined in the extant Local Plan.

CPRE Hertfordshire considers that this proposal is unsound by virtue of being both unjustified and inconsistent with the policies set out in the NPPF, and in particular paragraphs 14 (on Sustainable development and local plan-making), and 79 to 81and 83 to 84 (on Green Belt).

See also our related representations on the text of section 15 on Hatfield and on Policies SP 24 and SADM 26.

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 SP 22 should be deleted in its entirety, together with its supporting text.

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 participate because we are concerned that the charity's opinions and evidence on the soundness of the proposal and its consequences, are not addressed by other interest groups, the local authorities, landowners and developers, or statutory bodies, and believe that they need to be addressed in an Inspector-led discussion of the proposals.

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 :

Date : 24th October 2016