



Mr Daniel Terry
Planning and Development
Dacorum Borough Council
Civic Centre, Marlowes
Hemel Hempstead
Hertfordshire HP1 1HH

Our Ref:

Your Ref:

27th August 2021 (by email)

Dear Mr Terry,

**Application No. 21/02969/AGD
Berry Farm, Cupid Green Lane, Hemel Hempstead
Agricultural barn and 2 poly-tunnels**

I write with reference to the above planning application for proposed development in the Green Belt; CPRE Hertfordshire objects to the application for the following reasons:

1. The proposed site lies within the London Metropolitan Green Belt as defined by Policy C in the adopted Dacorum Local Plan and as required by the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF). Para 134 of the NPPF notes that a key purpose of the Green Belt is "to assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment".
2. This proposal constitutes yet another building in this area which suffers from a proliferation of low grade structures that has led to degradation of the quality of the Green Belt in this location. We have noted previously that there is a danger of the quality and openness of the Green Belt being affected by 'plotlands' development in this area and we urge the Council to consider how these detrimental effects may be addressed. An Article 4 Direction has already been issued.
3. If granting permission is being considered by the Council, we would request that the applicants be required to provide screening for this development and that adjacent owners are encouraged to take similar measures.
4. The information accompanying this application is extremely limited and the Council will need to satisfy itself that the necessary services and facilities are being provided by the operators so as not to cause further harm or damage to the countryside.

Yours sincerely,

Chris Berry
Planning Manager