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Our Ref:

Your Ref:

22<sup>nd</sup> April 2022 (by email)

Dear Maya Cullen,

**Application no. 3/22/0508/FUL**  
**Bayford Hall Farm, Bayford Lane, Bayford, Hertford, SG13 8PR**  
**Change of use of agricultural land to create archery range with creation of 42 parking spaces, erection of wooden clad storage structure/shelter and toilets.**  
**Installation of photovoltaic solar panels**

I write with regard to the above application which is located in the London Metropolitan Green Belt as designated in the adopted East Herts District Plan. CPRE Hertfordshire does not object in principle to the use of this land for archery, as this falls within the criteria for appropriate exceptional land uses within the Green Belt.

Our concerns relate to the proposed car-parking provision and the modular buildings which are proposed. The application proposes 42 car parking spaces which appears excessive for the likely use of the range, and noting that the Planning Statement proposes "reinforced grass surfaces for car parking" we would urge the Council to place robust conditions on any permission granted to prevent any future provision of tarmac or more intrusive materials in order to maintain the rural character of the location.

Similarly, appropriate materials for the proposed single-storey buildings should be specified to reduce their impact on the open countryside, and conditions should ensure the regular maintenance of the toilets and removal of waste so that rural amenity is not detrimentally affected. This is especially necessary due to the proximity of a public footpath which has been diverted close to the proposed facilities.

Yours sincerely,

Chris Berry  
Planning Manager

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