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Our Ref:

Your Ref:

13th April 2022 (by email)

Dear Mr Lecart,

**Application no. 22/00851/APA
Orchard Cottage, Stocks Road, Aldbury, Tring HP23 5RX
Change of use of land from agricultural to residential**

I write with regard to the above application which appears to be for 'prior approval' in the absence of any supporting information other than the location plan. CPRE Hertfordshire supports Aldbury Parish Council in calling for the rejection of this application as an entirely inappropriate approach in such a sensitive area.

As the Parish Council notes, there is no justification offered for this change of use which runs counter to the protections offered by designation of an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB). We also note that the Environmental Health Pollution team is unable to comment due to the lack of information provided.

Designation as AONB offers a high level of protection for open countryside. Further residential development in this location would be hugely detrimental in terms of the impacts on landscape character and amenity and we urge the Council to refuse this application.

Yours sincerely,

Chris Berry
Planning Manager

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