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Our Ref:

Your Ref:

28th April 2023 (by email)

Dear Robert Freeman,

**Application no. 22/03069/FUL
Plot 1 Cupid Green Lane Hemel Hempstead
Building an agricultural barn from timber wood for animals and its care takers.**

I write with regard to the above application and we have written several times previously regarding plotlands developments at the above address to express our concerns about the gradual degradation of the Green Belt in this area. The piecemeal and uncoordinated development of scattered buildings and installations such as poly-tunnels, barns and the like has a corrosive effect on the landscape character of the Green Belt.

We would urge the Council to seek a longer term overall plan for this area, so that the visual impacts of existing and possible future development can be ameliorated. In the event of a lack of an overall ownership interest to prepare a plan, the Council should prepare basic criteria and guidance which may also be relevant to similar plotland areas. These should seek to reduce the visual and other impacts of sporadic development in the Green Belt.

No Planning Statement is attached to this application which is for a single building without any indication of access, services or other facilities. This is clearly inadequate for the determination of an application of this nature which includes a residential element where very special circumstances would need to be demonstrated for development within the Green Belt.

This application should not be considered on the basis of inadequate information. In any case, it would constitute inappropriate development and we urge the Council to refuse this application.

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Yours sincerely,

Chris Berry
Planning Manager

NOTE: We would request that this letter is published on the Council's website as a document relating to this application and should be grateful if you would notify us of the date of the appropriate meeting if it is to be determined by planning committee.