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**Standing up for Hertfordshire's countryside**

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Our Ref:

Your Ref:

26<sup>th</sup> May 2023 (by email)

Dear Robert Freeman,

**Application no. 23/00946/FUL**  
**Berry Farm Cupid Green Lane Hemel Hempstead**  
**Construction of 1 poly tunnel, 1 timber shed and 1 timber barn for agricultural use.**

I write with regard to the above application. We have written numerous 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, containers and the like has a corrosive effect on the landscape character of the Green Belt.

We are aware of the challenges for the Council in addressing the harms caused by sporadic and uncoordinated agricultural and horticultural activities on small, separately-owned plots of agricultural land in the Green Belt and fully support the Council's efforts, including the Article 4 direction, to control development in this sensitive location directly abutting the Chilterns Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

If CPRE Hertfordshire can assist the Council in developing an initiative to provide basic criteria and guidance for the treatment and improvement of plots to ameliorate the negative impacts with a view to providing positive solutions to an ongoing concern for designated protected land both in Dacorum and elsewhere in Hertfordshire, we would welcome the opportunity for further discussion. Please contact me via [planning@cpreherts.org.uk](mailto:planning@cpreherts.org.uk)

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.

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