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Our Ref:

Your Ref:

26th May 2023 (by email)

Dear Nigel Gibbs,

**Application no. 23/00840/FUL
Land North of West Leith, Tring
Use of land for exercising dogs associated with an existing dog day care business**

I write with reference to the above application which is one of many similar applications which are being made across the County for dog exercise areas. CPRE Hertfordshire is concerned that any change of use from agriculture, especially in designated protected areas such as Green Belt and Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB), may lead to further development in the future which jeopardises the open nature of the countryside.

We note that a low intensity business use requiring open land may be acceptable in policy terms on designated protected areas. However, such development may also include car-parking areas, buildings and other facilities and lead to a reduction in the quality of the countryside.

We would therefore request that, if the Council is minded to grant the permission requested, this is limited to a temporary use, so that the land reverts to agricultural use following the period of the permission. Clearly, further temporary permissions could be granted as appropriate and on request, and the Council will be able to maintain control of the use in the event of the dog care business ceasing for whatever reason.

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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