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Case Officer
Planning and Building Control
St. Albans City and District Council
Civic Centre, St. Peter's Street
St. Albans
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Our Ref:

Your Ref:

28th July 2023 (by email)

Dear Case Officer,

Application no. 5/2023/1059
Plot 107 Land adjacent Bridge Cottages, Sandridgebury Lane, St Albans
Plot to be used an allotment to grow vegetables and fruit trees with a
garden shed, fencing and gate (retrospective)

I write to express our concerns with regard to the above retrospective application for an allotment in land designated as Green Belt in the adopted St Albans District Local Plan Review.

The present status of the site as agricultural land would appear not to preclude its use for growing vegetables and fruit trees but we would oppose any variation of the established use as affecting the purposes of the Green Belt.

The information presented to support the application is inadequate – in particular, it is difficult to locate the exact plot location.

We understand that the surrounding land has been subject to sub-division into plots in multiple ownership and that planning enforcement against unauthorised uses on adjacent land is being considered by the Council. Sub-division of designated protected land continues to occur in the Green Belt and can lead to a significant deterioration in conditions for the land affected.

We note that there is an Article 4 direction in place on the wider site and we fully support the Council's efforts to resist any unauthorised or inappropriate development in this location.

Yours faithfully,

Chris Berry
Planning Manager

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