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Our Ref:

Your Ref:

23<sup>rd</sup> February 2024 (by email)

Dear James Mead,

**Application no. 3/24/0088/FUL**  
**Land at Crumps Farm, West Road, Sawbridgeworth CM21 0LJ**  
**Retrospective change of use of land from agricultural land to residential**

I write with regard to the above application for which we believe that insufficient information has been submitted to enable an informed decision to be made. CPRE Hertfordshire is always concerned when an application is made for the change of use of designated Green Belt, particularly when there is some uncertainty as to the intended use.

The applicant's covering letter, in the absence of a Planning Statement which should be required, notes that a further application will follow the change of use to residential. We believe this is unacceptable and suggests that there is the intention to develop the land in question.

It is also not specified that the land edged in red on the single plan presented is the subject of the change of use sought. CPRE Hertfordshire urges the Council to refuse permission both on the grounds of inadequate information presented, and inappropriate development in the Green Belt.

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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