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Our Ref:

Your Ref:

2<sup>nd</sup> July 2025 (by email)

Dear Robert Freeman,

**Planning application no. 25/01415/FUL**

**Land North of West Leith, Tring**

**Permanent use of land for exercising dogs associated with an existing dog day care business**

I write with regard to the above planning application and note our previous correspondence on this matter of 26/05/23 and 15/01/25. CPRE Hertfordshire continues to be concerned about the proliferation of dog walking areas in sensitive locations and would request that the Council takes account of the following issues.

1. We previously noted in May 2023 that a temporary permission would be appropriate so that the impact of the use for dog-walking could be reviewed with regard to the implications for the surrounding countryside, particularly as it lies within the designated Chilterns National Landscape. Subsequently we objected to the intensification of the use, particularly with regard to the construction of a shed and associated works.
2. We have been informed of several concerns with regard to activities and works which have been undertaken during the period of the temporary permission which should be taken into account in the determination of this application. The conditions placed on the consent are regularly ignored with regard to attendance at weekends and holidays and lengths of stay.
3. There has been very considerable planting of non-native tree species and the erection of fencing which is inappropriate and impacting the rural character. We would suggest that discussions take place with the applicant due to the potential danger of further intensification which could be damaging to wildlife in a sensitive location.
4. In these circumstances we suggest that the applicant is required to provide details of any works intended and a further brief temporary consent may be appropriate to establish compliance.

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5. The proliferation of dog-walking planning applications is exerting further pressure on the Green Belt in Hertfordshire and the habitats it provides and great care should be taken to maintain the quality of the landscape within the Chilterns National Landscape area.

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.