

From: Chairman - Essendon Society
Subject: Stage 3 Green Belt Review
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To: <louise@poservices.co.uk>

Dear Louise,

I am writing as Chairman of the Essendon Society, a group set up many years ago with the main aim to protect and preserve the history and character of the village of Essendon. Whilst we are not a regulation 19 representor we would respectfully ask for our views to be considered. We are not representors because in the Welwyn Hatfield Local Plan there was no reference to Essendon or it's contribution to, or significance within, the Green Belt. However in the work undertaken by LUC in response to the Inspector's request for a Green Belt Review we are included. So although we did not comment when we were not affected it seems wrong to exclude us now that we are.

We would ask the Inspector to consider retaining the 'washed-over' status for the whole village, because although the village is split into parcels for the benefit of impact assessment, with different degrees of harm upon release, it is recognised that to have a meaningful contribution to the Green Belt Review the village would have to be treated as one entity. Although reference is made to Conservation Area, local Wildlife Site and Ancient Woodland classifications that act as constraints to development it is the protection of the Green Belt classification that has helped to maintain and protect the integrity of the village in recent years. We understand the purpose of this Review is to consider alternative sites to the larger urban developments including Birchall Garden Suburb (originally Village which sounded much more appropriate), to the northern boundary of our Parish, but we feel that we may lose out in every way. Losing our Green Belt Classification and still having a Birchall Garden Suburb in a reduced form.

We would respectfully ask the Inspector retain the Green Belt 'washed over' status of our village to help protect the integrity, character and charming appearance of this small part of the

District.

Yours sincerely,

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