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Dear louise

Thank you for inviting representations on the stage 3 Green Belt Review commissioned by the Council in response to the inspector's instruction.

I have perused the review and my feeling is we now have a much better database from which to form opinions and conclusions.

I was particularly gratified to note that BRP4 has been adjudged *essential to the Green Belt*. I have to say I never felt the planners were really keen on its selection in the first place as Council minutes show. It was such a crude bolt on the the ECML which otherwise provides an immeasurably strong GB boundary. Also to see Waterend and other areas nearby protected from selection was particularly encouraging.

I do hope the planners will consider bringing forward sites such as BRP6 and BRP9/10 (P78 in the review document) which seem to be more natural extensions to the built environment of Brookmans Park and qualify for most of the criteria the inspector identified in his advice note to the Council - critically openness and the all important proximity to existing housing and the railway station. I mention this specifically as I lived in Hawkshead Lane for many years and know these fields, the Vet College and the railway line exceptionally well. I do hope the inspector will encourage the Council to consider this and other similar cases particularly around the large villages which must stand up and provide their share of new housing. I appreciate the local authority will make the final choices of course.

I hope the Planning Authority will now be able to expedite a revised site selection to enable them to meet the FOAHN for both the current plan and the 2030-2050 plan so this backlog of available development land does not reoccur.

Finally a big thank you to the inspector his team and the planners at Welwyn & Hatfield who have had a huge amount of work to get through

despite staff cuts and other interferences but have remained focused on the planning issues and shown true professionalism and dedication to this important task.

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