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Can I first of all thank the Inspector thro' you for opening up this document for consultation. Without this, residents would be generally unaware of the submission of such an important report.

I wish to specifically comment on the area of landscape **Cuff17, 17a and 17b**.which have been classified as only Moderate in terms of its sensitivity to urban development. These areas were assessed by the same consultancy in March 2019 and classified as areas that would represent High harm to the Green Belt if built upon. What has changed? It is difficult to identify anything, but I do note reference to '....some fields lacking strong hedgerow....' I don't recognise that description and am bound to wonder to what extent the fields were visited or did they simply rely on input from those promoting the site.

This is an area of outstanding countryside largely detached from village boundaries and stands at the ridgeway of the area and thus providing a visual panoramic picture extending right down to the City of London. It makes a major and significant contribution to the countryside.

I understand that para 170 of NPPF provide for '.... recognising the intrinsic character and beauty of the countryside ' and Cuff17 a +b fits this bill exactly.

May my comments be noted please and thank you again for the opportunity to address what I regard as a wrong classification. I will be writing to Welwyn Hatfield Council in a similar vein.

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