

WELWYN HATFIELD BOROUGH COUNCIL

NOTICE OF MAKING AN ARTICLE 4 DIRECTION

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (GENERAL PERMITTED DEVELOPMENT) ORDER 1995 (AS AMENDED)

On 11th January 2011 Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council made a Direction under article 4(1) of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 1995, as amended. The Direction applies to development comprising change of use from a use falling within Class C3 (dwellinghouses) of the Town and Country Planning (Use Classes) Order 1987 (as amended) to a use falling within Class C4 (houses in multiple occupation) of that Order, within the town of Hatfield (defined as the settlement excluded from the Green Belt by Policy GBSP1 of the adopted Welwyn Hatfield District Plan 2005).

The effect of the Direction is that within the defined area, the permission granted by article 3 of the 1995 Order shall not apply to such change of use, and consequently, once the Direction has come into force, such change of use within the defined area will require planning permission granted by the Council.

A copy of the Direction and of a map defining the area to which it applies may be seen at:

- The Council Offices, The Campus, Welwyn Garden City, on weekdays between 8 45am and 5pm (4 30pm Fridays);
- Hatfield Town Council Offices, Birchwood Leisure Centre, Longmead, Hatfield between 9am and 4 45pm weekdays;
- Hatfield Library, Queensway, Hatfield, during opening hours;

or can be viewed on the Council's website at www.welhat.gov.uk/article4

Representations concerning the Direction may be made to the Council between 12 January and 2 February 2011, by writing to the Head of Planning Policy, Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council, Council Offices, The Campus, Welwyn Garden City, Herts, AL8 6AE or by email to planning@welhat.gov.uk.

All representations must be received by 2 February 2011. In deciding whether to confirm the Direction the Council will take into account all representations duly received. Subject to confirmation by the Council, it is proposed that the Direction will come into force on 12 January 2012.

Dated 12th January 2011

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