

**WELWYN HATFIELD BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**NOTICE OF CONFIRMING AN ARTICLE 4 DIRECTION**

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

On 11<sup>th</sup> 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 on an application made under Part III of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 as amended.

The Council consulted on the Article 4 Direction from 12 January 2011 to 2 February 2011 and has taken into account all representations duly received. The Direction was confirmed by the Council on 14 April 2011 and it will come into force on 12 January 2012.

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;
- Hatfield Library, Queensway, Hatfield, during opening hours;

or can be viewed on the Council's website at [www.welhat.gov.uk/article4](http://www.welhat.gov.uk/article4)

Dated 20 April 2011

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