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**TO** NORTH MYMMS PARISH COUNCIL  
**FROM:** NORTH MYMMS DISTRICT GREEN BELT SOCIETY

**cc** Grant Shapps, MP  
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**Welwyn Hatfield Local Plan, Sustainability Appraisal and Draft Infrastructure  
Delivery Plan Consultation  
North Mymms Parish Council Response March 2015**

The North Mymms District Green Belt Society refers to the response to the Local Plan First Consultation document submitted by the North Mymms Parish Council (NMPC).

Whilst agreeing with most of its content, we are disappointed that it did not reflect the views of the majority of people who attended the two meetings held by you. We, therefore wish to point out sections in your response letter that we feel are misleading statements.

**1. Page 2 paragraph 3 states:**

“North Mymms Parish Council has held public meetings to garner opinion. It is the Parish Council’s responsibility as statutory Consultees to put forward the views and opinions of the community in a balanced manner.”

At both NMPC meetings it was clearly demonstrated by a show of hands that residents were unanimously against any development of the Green Belt.

**2. Page 2 paragraph 4 states:**

“The response from North Mymms Parish Council is reflective of those who commented following the public meetings, is cognisant of action group views.”

It is not cognisant with action group views. The Welham Green Residents Association, The Brookmans Park Residents Association and The Little Heath Action Group as well as the North Mymms District Green Belt Society have clearly stated in their responses to the Local Plan that they are against any development of the Green Belt.

**3. Page 3 paragraph 9 states:**

“North Mymms Parish Council has consistently stressed the requirement not to allow coalescence between the distinct villages. If any development is allowed to the north/south of each built up area this would occur and would be unacceptable. The Parish Council stresses the need for vigilance when considering proposals as merging of settlements must not occur by default “creep” across Green Belt boundaries.”

The NMPC list a number of sites as suitable, acceptable, possible or “least worst” which would cause or increase the risk of coalescence between villages and would allow “creep” across Green Belt boundaries.

**4. Pages 4 and 5**

NMPC highlights a number of sites they consider as being “suitable” or “least worst” for development.

In your “Visions and Aims” statement adopted by NMPC on 28 May 2014 and published on the front page of your website, the stated No 1 Aim is “To endeavour to maintain the openness of the area, the Green Belt and the overall character of the Parish.”

We, therefore, feel that the statements made by NMPC in their response to the First Public Consultation of the Local Plan are not truly representative of their Parishioners’ views.

North Mymms District Green Belt Society