

Sites in Welham Green and South Hatfield

There are 13 sites in Welham Green and adjacent South Hatfield being put forward for development of some 650 dwellings, a primary school land for employment purposes and a car park. *(current no. is 1395)*

All are in the Green Belt in areas where, according to the Council's Green Belt Survey, development would cause harm to the Green Belt in varying degrees of severity.

The majority of these sites have been considered and rejected for inclusion in the Local Plan. NMDGBS earlier comments on these sites can be found on our website.

Comments should focus on "technical" reasons why a site proposed for development should not be included in the Local Plan.

"Technical" reasons include:

- Harm caused to the openness of the Green Belt by reducing the space between settlements. Space is visual as well as linear. The site would not provide a secure boundary against future encroachment into the Green Belt.
- Problems with traffic – general increase overloading the road infrastructure; specific increase/danger because of access to main roads; congestion at peak times or as a result of problems on the A1M and M25.
- Pollution: local roads around the M25 and A1M are already at or nearing pollution level limits in existing legislation.
- Disproportionate increase in population destroying the existing character of the community. The Green Belt is being sacrificed for people who are not local to the Borough.
- Lack of services: schools, health, public transport, water, sewage.
- Proposed site is in a flood plain, would impact on Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSI) or other local wild life area.

Comments can be made by e-mail, by letter, or as preferred through the council's website http://www.welhat.gov.uk/promoted_sites_2019. No later than 5pm on Tuesday 18 June 2019.