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From: Louise Lewis [REDACTED]
Sent: 01 October 2015 12:13
To: Planning
Subject: S6/2015/1159/MA and S6/2015/1160/LB - Proposed development at Northaw Equestrian Centre EN6 4NT

Dear Sir/Madam

As a resident of Northaw village for the last 24 years, I am writing to object to the above application for a proposed development of 14 large houses and conversion of an existing Grade 2 listed barn to a dwelling.

The whole point of Green Belt land is to save our wonderful green fields from being lost and to stop the ever expanding urban sprawl from changing our traditional villages. This development does not qualify for the 'special circumstances' required to build houses on Green belt land.

There is currently a very poor (recently reduced) bus service in the village so new residents would have to drive, adding to already congested roads in the area and overcrowded trains and car parks at the stations. It is often impossible to get a space at Potters Bar station already and the trains are overcrowded in rush hour with no seats available. If each proposed family house has two cars, as most people do, this would add another 30 cars to our clogged up routes out of the village. Also the schools in the area are already oversubscribed.

The Equestrian Centre is a well-used, established and appropriate business for this rural village, providing riding lessons, stabling and employment. If this application was allowed to go ahead it would impact on the whole appearance and character of this small village.

Also, if a 'change of use' was granted to convert the premises it would set a dangerous precedent for future development of other buildings on our Green Belt land.

I sincerely hope this application will be rejected.

Yours sincerely

L Lewis

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