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This development will not work. This type of development will put to much strain on the existing settlement in terms of services, traffic and the remoteness from any shops or facilities such as GPs or schools. Additionally it is part of the Green Belt and have never been built on. I understand that Northaw Park Management Ltd have written to you with detailed and articulate objections pointing out how this development conflicts with the councils planning strategy. However I too wish to add my objections. It doesn't seem to me to be a good place to build affordable housing so far away from facilities such that the increase in traffic will be very detrimental. Already it takes as much as 20 to 30 minutes to get from Firs Wood Close to the Bus Station in Potters Bar during rush hour. The same journey takes 5 minutes without traffic. The increase traffic will add to pollution as cars and lorries will have to sit in traffic for even longer. There are no schools within walking distance so that all children will have to commute by car. There are also no buses, nor is there a pavement. There will increased road casualties if this development were to go ahead on this site.

The area is also very active with wildlife. Deer use the space as a through route as well as foxes, rabbits and many different types of bird. Insect life there is also very diverse.

I attach a photo of the area taken in 1933 from the air. It clearly shows that the area is active farmland and could be used as such again.

I urge the council to reject this plan as I believe it is overall a bad plan. It is bad for the area, it is bad for the environment and it is especially bad for the people who might have to live there.