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Dear Sir/Madam

Objections to the planning application at Wells Farm

I firstly want to say that we moved to Cuffley from a built-up London borough because as per much research (Public Health England and the NHS) we understood the benefits of bringing up our children in a cleaner greener area with open spaces, we understood the benefits not only to their overall health but also to our own mental health. I am very disappointed to learn that the local council and local MPs do not share in this view and are unable to understand the impact that losing these areas of the green belt will have on our community and on climate change.

Since some of the developments have been completed in neighbouring Goffs Oak we are having increasing problems with traffic coming from Goffs Oak and have long waits to come out of our road onto the Northaw Road East. Public transport is limited in this area with most people commuting by car, a problem which will only get worse with more people moving into the area if further developments are built here. The noise from traffic has increased significantly and it will worsen if further developments are built in Cuffley.

We also use the park and are already disappointed to see that the council have felt it is acceptable to build a housing development right by the park edge which will not only affect the openness of the green space but will change the characteristics of Cuffley village. To further consider building on high risk green belt land will change the characteristic and openness of the surrounding area in Cuffley drastically. When this development at King George Vale was proposed, we were told that if we objected we would be inviting further planning applications for larger developments so many residents did not object on the basis that this development would be enough in Cuffley with other more appropriate sites being found in Hertfordshire for larger developments in the future.

Cuffley is a village not a town and therefore has limited amenities and public services which would struggle to accommodate an increase in residents if these developments were built in this area. We moved here to enjoy cleaner air, less pollution and traffic. We paid a higher amount for a smaller property to be able to enjoy living in a village environment with green open spaces and understood that this came at a premium.

The Government recently agreed that there should be no greenbelt developments. The Prime Minister promised to stop developments on green belt land, confirming that green belt land was precious and that local councils must build new homes whilst at the same time also protecting the green belt and landscapes.

The Government has also confirmed that local councils and planning authorities should support the role of community-led groups and listen to communities regarding how the community they live in

should be further developed, if at all. The Government has stated that it is the responsibility of the local authority to ensure that any planning of new homes is supporting the natural environment and responding to climate change. I do not believe that the proposed developments at Wells Farm is supporting these points.

Kind regards

