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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 07 April 2017 10:02
To: Planning
Subject: Planning Application 6/2017/0489/MAJ

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> Chief Planning Officer
> Welwyn Hatfield Council
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> Dear Sir
> Planning Application 6/2017/0489/MAJ
> I write to object to this application on the following grounds:- This
> is Green Belt land and as your Council and indeed the Planning Inspectorate have stated in refusing approvals and
> an appeal on this particular site, the erection of this fence would be harmful to the open rural character and
> appearance of the area and the Green Belt.
> This is agricultural land and as such, any fence should be commensurate with the type of farming activity
> undertaken. The applicant has only collected a hay crop for several years and more recently, sheep were brought in
> to graze on this area. A temporary electric fence was erected which controlled the areas in which the sheep grazed
> and easily altered to move them to new pastures. This proposed close mesh wire fence of over 6ft high is
> unnecessary and totally out of place.
> There is an Article 4 Direction on this land prohibiting the erection of fences. This was put in place by the
> Secretary of State at the request of your Council, when the applicant subdivided the area of land behind the houses
> along The Ridgeway with wire and wooden posts. He offered these plots for sale to the residents at exorbitant
> prices and his agent said that if the residents did not buy them, they would be offered to the general public. This is
> the same person who is now concerned with security and claiming that the land has "been the subject of fly tipping
> and trespassing by travelers and burglary."
> The suggestion that the additional new fencing behind the houses would provide extra security is nonsensical.
> There is the much better security in having all the residents of The Ridgeway being able to keep a watchful eye over
> the fields at the rear of their gardens.
> Yours faithfully
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