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Hatfield  
Hertfordshire  
AL9 7QH  
5<sup>th</sup> September 2023

Dear Ms Ransome

**Re Proposed Development at Brookmans Park Golf Club Road. Brookmans Park Hertfordshire AL9 7AT**

**Planning Application no. 6/2023/1221/Outline**

I do have sympathy with the Golf Club's aim to sell assets to raise funds. However, upon careful consideration, I am unable to support this application and it is with regret that I wish to object to the proposed development.

In short:

- This is Green Belt Land under the 2019/202 boundaries definition. The Council's inspectorate commented "*All sites outside of the GB should be developed in preference to GB sites unless there are sound reasons for not so doing.*" **Inspector's report May 2021**
- It was not included within the local plan and so not subject to the required rigorous public scrutiny for such a serious deviation from NPPF guidance.
- It will destroy the habitat of wildlife, particularly protected species such as newts, bats, and badgers.
- It will be detrimental to community infrastructure such as already oversubscribed schools and doctors.
- There will be an additional traffic hazard on Golf Course Road, which is used as access to Chancellor's School. There will also be additional traffic at the Mymms Drive junction which is already gridlocked at school finish times.
- Most importantly, it will set a precedent for building on Green Belt sites in Brookmans Park.

I am very concerned about the long term implications of allowing development on Green Belt sites, albeit a small piece at a time. This Golf Club application is, in essence, a smaller version of the Bradmore Way Green Belt development, Planning Application no. 6/2022/1097/Outline, which also has a boundary with the Golf Course. This application was rejected by the Council and then the Appeal dismissed. This should act as a precedent in all cases relating to Brookmans Park Green Belt.

Yours Sincerely

