Comment for planning application 6/2018/2768/OUTLINE

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Location

Hatfield Business Park Frobisher Way Hatfield AL10 9SL

Proposal

Outline application for a large-scale mixed use development including 1,100 new homes and supporting infrastructure including a primary school, local centre and open space with all matters reserved

Case Officer

Ms Clare Howe

neighbour

Organisation

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Comments

Objection

Before this application is given consideration, I would suggest that the planning department review its underlying assumptions regarding the need for further greenfield development. Anticipating a post-Covid economy there will be a need to review and re-designate existing developed land. For instance the demand for retail space will reduce significantly (a view confirmed by the British Retail Consortium). Unless existing retail zones are considered for re-designation as residential there is a significant risk that town centres will be 'hollowed-out', i.e the 'doughnut effect'. The future demand for student accommodation in Welwyn/Hatfield should also be reviewed recognising the likely move to more remote and on-line learning, particularly for students who, in the past, would have been travelling to the UK from overseas to pursue their studies.

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Attachments