

As long-time residents of Northaw, we object very strongly to any further housing development in the Green Belt area in and around the Northaw House site.

Reasons:

- 1) We understood the original development plans for 16 apartments to save Northaw House and surrounding outhouse buildings from becoming decrepit shells. We disagreed with the Council's subsequent agreement to allow another 10 buildings nearby which used Green Belt, open landscape land to extend the previous Northaw House site buildings and create a new residential area leading off the road into Potters Bar. For the developers to now propose further encroachment on to the surrounding countryside within the grounds of Northaw House is totally inappropriate.
- 2) There are no very special circumstances for further Green Belt development by turning East Drive into a residential development which will lead into Northaw village (which is accepted as not a sustainable location.)
- 3) The proposed houses will increase urbanisation and reduce openness of this Green Belt site and will be very visible from Judges Hill.
- 4) The development currently approved will cause significant increased traffic to an already busy road area. Any more development will further worsen this problem, particularly at the awkward Judges Hill corner into Northaw.