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18 October, 2010

For the attention of Mr Richard Aston

Dear Sir,

**TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING  
(DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE) ORDER 2010  
APPLICATION NO: N6/2010/2055/MA  
A1(M) TRUNK ROAD  
LAND FOR RE-DEVELOPMENT, BROADWATER ROAD WEST, WELWYN GARDEN  
CITY  
PROPOSAL: PART DEMOLITION, REPAIR, RESTORATION, EXTENSION AND  
CONVERSION OF FORMER SHREDDED WHEAT FACTORY COMPLEX FOR  
RETAIL AND BUSINESS.**

I refer to the above planning application. As previously discussed, the Highways Agency has been consulted on the above planning application unfortunately only during the very later stages of the consultation process. It would have been helpful had we been notified earlier if only to provide an overview.

Whilst the Agency supports the measures within the Travel Plan Framework for delivering the vision for sustainable travel in and around the development site, of concern is the statement made in the Executive Summary on the Transport Assessment. This refers to the aim for mitigating traffic (residual) of redistributing through traffic onto more strategic routes away from the town centre by giving consideration to future highway upgrades. There is no certainty of such proposals taking place particularly with regard to the A1 (M) Trunk Road.

I appreciate the difficulties through modelling techniques in analyzing the volume of new traffic emanating from the development onto the strategic highway network but it is not unreasonable to assume that there will be a proportion however small in quantum.

Nevertheless, I have no formal comment to make on the application but draw your attention to my comments made above.

Yours sincerely,

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