

The Planning Inspectorate

COMMENTS ON CASE (Online Version)

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Appeal Reference: APP/X1925/W/25/3362553

DETAILS OF THE CASE

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Appeal By MR BRUCE PARKER

Site Address
Land at New Pound Farm
East Side of Old Hale Way
Hitchin
SG4 0SA
Grid Ref Easting: 518530
Grid Ref Northing: 231117

SENDER DETAILS

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ABOUT YOUR COMMENTS

In what capacity do you wish to make representations on this case?

- ☐ Appellant
- ☐ Agent
- ☒ Interested Party / Person
- ☐ Land Owner
- ☐ Rule 6 (6)

What kind of representation are you making?

- ☐ Final Comments
- ☐ Proof of Evidence
- ☐ Statement
- ☐ Statement of Common Ground
- ☒ Interested Party/Person Correspondence
- ☐ Other

YOUR COMMENTS ON THE CASE

I find myself in the position of once again having to make representation on a planning application or appeal for this same piece of green belt. With the land owner making repeated applications and appeals for inappropriate development, I am making representation once again, to strongly object to this appeal on the following grounds:

Inappropriate development in green belt – with no special circumstances that would meet any exception criteria

This is clearly called out as the reason for the local planning authorities' decision to refuse the proposed development, with justification explained with reference to local and national planning guidelines.

The land in question is designated as green belt and as such there is the expectation of no inappropriate development without very special circumstances. The proposal does not meet any of these criteria and therefore constitutes inappropriate development in a green belt.

As mentioned above, there is a pattern of repeated applications for inappropriate development on this green belt land. Upholding the appeal would be highly likely to set a precedent for this important and narrow belt, which is the only such space between Hitchin and the village of Ickleford. Building a residential property on this green belt would conflict with both the intent and spirit of green belt.

I therefore strongly object to this proposed development and request this appeal be rejected.