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Date 18 February 2025

Dear Mr Howard

RE: 24/01496/FP- Erection of one 3 storey building comprising of 15 dwellings with associated access, landscaping and parking following demolition of the existing dwellings and garages (as amended by information and plans received 23 September 2024 and 7th November 2024) - 3 to 5 Newells, Letchworth Garden City, Hertfordshire, SG6 2PH

Thank you for your consultation on the above site, received on 7 January 2025. We have reviewed the application as submitted and wish to make the following comments.

We **maintain our objection** to this planning application in the absence of an acceptable Flood Risk Assessment (FRA) and Drainage Strategy relating to:

- The development not complying with NPPF, PPG or local policies: *Policy NE8: Sustainable drainage systems (Reducing Flood Risk), Policy NE9: Water quality and environment, Policy SP12: Green infrastructure, biodiversity and landscape.*

Reason

To prevent flooding in accordance with National Planning Policy Framework paragraphs 181, 182 and 187 by ensuring the satisfactory management of local flood risk, surface water flow paths, storage and disposal of surface water from the site in a range of rainfall events and ensuring the SuDS proposed operates as designed for the lifetime of the development.

We will consider reviewing this objection if the following issue is adequately addressed.

1. The drainage strategy drawings submitted are required to be properly labelled with pipe numbers and corresponding reference for the car parking areas that are

included in the drainage calculations. This is necessary to compare the drainage calculations with the drawing submitted.

Yours sincerely

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Annex

The following documents have been reviewed:

- Technical note, by SPD Studio Pvt Ltd, 6 January 2024, REF: MB018 – Newells, Letchworth.