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Good afternoon,

Please see the submission below, for your information

Kind regards

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Dear Helen, I would be grateful if you could confirm that the below is passed on:

Dear Inspector,

I am writing in my capacity as a resident at 135 Parkside Drive, WD17 3BA, and a regular user of the park.

I cannot make the public inquiry and therefore wish to object in the strongest possible terms to this proposed developments in writing. My grounds for objection are:

- this land is not grey belt, it serves green belt functions and should be seen as green belt. Having known the park and woods for 30 years, this land is an integral part to the beauty and ecosystem of the area, it provides an openness and stops urban sprawl coming into the park area. The beauty of the openness contributes considerably to the character of this area of countryside, by contrasting with the wooded areas and allowing vistas to appreciate the area as a whole. Building there would bring houses

into the very heart of the park and woodland areas, urbanising a beautiful open space with character all of its own, and permanently and irrevocably change the character of the wider green space and countryside.

- As a resident, and knowing the area for 30 years, I must tell you traffic and congestion is awful. With notable choke points at Gade Avenue, absolutely no parking at Bridgewater Surgeries, congestion on the Ascot Road roundabouts and long queues on Langley Way. I use the Watford Junction Station and frequent either can't catch a train because it's too full or am literally squeezed in by the door, once getting hurt as people are pushed around. On four occasions people have fainted because the train is overcrowded. Adding yet more cars and commuting passengers will significantly overflow this infrastructure and I see no mitigating measures in terms of road or rail infrastructure. Even shopping at the Harlequin shopping centre is hard, due to a lack of parking. I've tried for years to get an NHS dentist locally, there's simply no capacity. Please take it from me that this town is really overcrowded, far worse than it was and this development would make that considerably worse. The infrastructure is not there, the mitigations aren't there and local people already experience the choke points or the lack of basic services as a result.

- I'm not an expert in particular species, but I have seen bats in the proposed development area when running at dusk. Given the site's proximity to Whippendell Wood, I wish to raise my concern that the loss of open land and increased levels of human activity, lighting and disturbance etc could adversely affect local wildlife and habitat connectivity. My observations suggest that the site forms part of the wider ecological setting of the woodland rather than existing in isolation from it

Please do let me know if there is anymore information I can provide,

Michael

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