To Planning Policy Team Brentwood Borough Council Brentwood Town Hall Brentwood CM15 8AY

My husband and I are writing to you to add our names to the list of objectors to the inclusion of the Honeypot Lane Development in the Local Development Plan. Our reasons are as follows:

- The Metropolitan Green Belt was set up to provide a protective ring round London to prevent it from encroaching into the surrounding counties. Once this barrier has been breached, it will set a precedent for other planners to ride roughshod over its powers.
- The proposed development will be on land, which is already vulnerable to flooding and poor drainage as experienced by properties adjacent to the designated site.
- The traffic generated by an extra 200+ houses and a care home will cause a huge increase in the volume of traffic using the roads in the immediate area. In addition, there will be bottlenecks at the London Road junctions with Honeypot Lane itself and Spital Lane. 'Rat runs' will be created with drivers ignoring the speed limits, increasing safety risks and causing extra pollution.
- The proposed properties will also be dangerously close to the A12 with the inherent pollution problems caused by proximity to the effects of heavy traffic round the clock.
- We understand that local schools and doctors surgeries are already filled to capacity and that there are no plans to remedy that.
- If this plan was previously rejected as it did not meet the Council's Spatial Strategy, why has it been re-introduced unaltered?
- This plan appears to have been drawn up by someone studying a local map and looking for green spaces. There has been no thought given to the impact on the owners of existing housing or to the owners of the housing on the new development.

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