

Our Countryside Is Under Attack.



The Green Belt protects people from over development, coalescence, etc.

North Herts District Council (NHDC) has prepared the North Herts Local Plan (NHLP), which proposes to increase housing numbers by 25% in the next 15 years.



98% of those responding to NHDC's consultation objected to the plan. Many of NHDC's own councillors oppose the plan and Herts County Council oppose the plan.

Our MP's oppose the plan. Key issues include: -

- **Loss of valued and cherished Green Belt Land**
- **Catastrophic impact on environment and wildlife**
- **Huge impact on traffic and road safety**
- **Lack of education and healthcare provision**
- **Lack of consideration for more sustainability and other options**

NHDC have ignored objections from residents of North Herts throughout the Local Planning process, and are already in discussion with developers – many of whom would seek to further increase the density of new homes on the sites.

IT'S NOT TOO LATE.

It is not up to NHDC to decide whether their plan goes ahead: their last hurdle is an independent inspection ordered by the Secretary of State, which will begin before the end of 2017.

Save Our Green Belt in North Herts is a voluntary organisation, formed by a number of action groups across North Hertfordshire. Our purpose is to provide a focal point for all groups and individuals across North Herts who would like to oppose the NHLP, and to co-ordinate the proper means to do so.

Our aim is to present the strongest possible case against NHDC's poor planning when their plan comes before the inspector and ultimately to send them back to the drawing board to produce an acceptable, sustainable, and environmentally-responsible development strategy.

To this end, so far we have: -

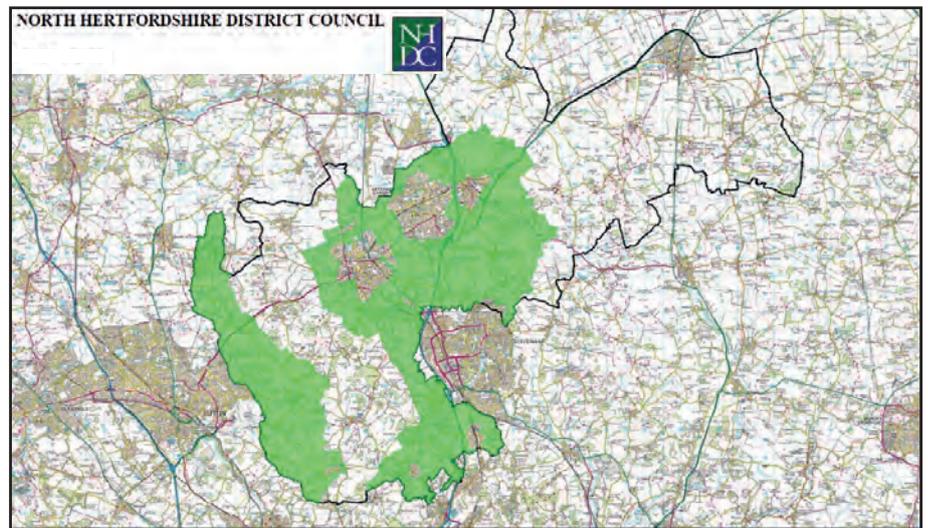
- **Collated the concerns of a large & growing group of North Herts residents**
- **Sought and received expert legal advice on these concerns**
- **Retained a highly respected, specialist planning law firm to act for us**
- **Retained a suitably experienced barrister to represent us at inspection**
- **Developed a strategy to oppose the NHDC Plan & engaged expert advisors**



Your Countryside Needs You!

Our efforts cannot succeed without funding. NHDC and the developers will have amassed ranks of legal advisers to support them. We estimate that to take the fight to NHDC at the inspection, the costs of our legal team and experts will approach £100,000. Every contribution counts to help us reach this fundraising target and we ask you to assist with whatever you can spare.

Green Belt boundaries in North Herts:



The council and the developers may be relying on quality representation being beyond the means of the people of North Herts. But the huge opposition to the Local Plan means our funding goal, spread across our communities, is achievable, if we work together to stop this attack on the countryside.

	No. of sites	Area (gross ha)	No. of homes
Brownfield land in existing settlements	21	13.14	741
Greenfield land in existing settlements	13	16.17	3
Outside existing settlements but not Green Belt	29	93.73	1727
GREEN BELT	63	835.86 (87% of total)	12722 (82% of total)
Total	126	959	15548

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