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Ellen Neumann
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Our Ref:

Your Ref:

13th December 2024 (by email)

Dear Ellen Neumann,

**Application no. 3/24/1957/FUL
Crumps Farm West Road Sawbridgeworth CM21 0LJ
Change of use of land from agriculture to residential (Use Class 3)(retrospective)**

I write with reference to the above application, following the similar application no. 3/24/0088/FUL which was refused permission on 13th March 2024. CPRE Hertfordshire objected to that application on the basis of inadequate information and the likelihood of inappropriate development in the Green Belt.

The present application still provides no further information with regard to the future development of the site for residential use and we support fully the Council's previous decision and reasons for refusal which remain relevant for this proposal, notwithstanding the modest reduction in site area. It is entirely inappropriate to seek to change the use of protected land without justification or very special circumstances as required by the National Planning Policy Framework.

Yours sincerely,

Chris Berry
Planning Manager

NOTE: We would request that this letter is published on the Council's website as a document relating to this application and should be grateful if you would notify us of the date of the appropriate meeting if it is to be determined by planning committee.

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