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The Rt Hon James Brokenshire MP
Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government
Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government
Fry Building
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Dear Secretary of State

East Hertfordshire District Council Draft Local Plan 2011-2033

I am writing, at the direction of Sawbridgeworth Town Council, to ask you to call in this Local Plan application on which we have noted you have already issued a holding direction to East Hertfordshire District Council (EHDC).

The Town Council has consulted with and listened to the very real concerns of our parishioners concerning the draft plan as it affects our town. We have at every stage made representations to EHDC with suggestion for a more logical and sustainable approach, but without success.

We do not believe that the draft Local Plan is positively prepared, justified and effective specifically in relation to the sites SAWB2 and SAWB3, the removal of site SAWB5 and Policy GA1 relating to the Gilston Area.

The Town Council has further concerns over the refusal by EHDC to acknowledge that the settlement of Spellbrook, which is within the civic parish of Sawbridgeworth, is part of the economic community of Sawbridgeworth.

We ask you therefore to use your powers under Section 21A of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (PCPA 2004) to intervene on this matter and to consider our specific concerns while considering any decision you make following the current holding direction.

We look forward to your response in due course

Yours faithfully

Richard Bowran
Town Clerk

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