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-To: Bushey Heath Residents Association, 8 Caldecote Gardens WD23 4GP

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as a local resident of Bushey, wish to make a representation fully supporting Hertsmere Council's SADM Plan and that it should include The Paddock, Elstree Road, Bushey (reference BH007) as a designated Local Green Space.

We agree with Hertsmere Council's inclusion of this site in their SADM Local Plan.

Additional comments (optional):

The Paddock, a much loved green space on the Elstree Road in Bushey is at risk of being sold and built on.

The Paddock is an important part of the history of Bushey Heath, together with Reveley Lodge and therefore a vital piece of land that is the last piece of green space in the area and must be saved for future generations - and in the eyes of the community forms a significant part of the local landscape.

The SADM31 report states that: "... this semi-natural green space should be designated as of local significance in that it improves the visual amenity of the area, has historical significance (being accepted as the last remaining green space left of what was the original heath in Bushey)." Moreover, the Paddock has been used every year a part of the Bushey Summer fair and thus has important social aspect to the community as well as sentimental, historic and visual.

The Paddock is considered by local residents to be both important and valuable to the community - in fact over 1400 people – one fifth of local voters - have signed a petition urging the Council to save this Elstree Road Green Space.

The proposed policy clearly states that: "Green Space Sites of this nature that define the identity and character of an area should be conserved and protected."

The loss of open space would be harmful to the community spirit, atmosphere of Bushey and its character and appearance. It is the wish of Bushey community to preserve this Green Space, and ensure the SADM31 status of the Paddock.

Signed:.....[redacted].....

No follow up correspondence please

Date.....23.8.15.....