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Dear Secretary of State

I wish to support my local Council and constituents and urge you to uphold the decision to refuse permission for SRFI located within my constituency on the land in and around the former aerodrome, North Orbital Road, Upper Colne Valley, Hertfordshire (application reference 05/09/07/08).

This site is currently a green and open space that is well used by the local residents; walkers; and horse riders, and provides a valuable setting for the City of St Albans which was recognised by the inspector.

The site protects the village of Park Street from integration into St Albans and most importantly is only accessed through the already overburdened village roads, and is therefore considered by all local residents to be totally unsuitable for any form of development. It is a green belt site that has been vigorously defended from all parties who wish to develop it.

Most importantly having already yielded gravel and aggregates, this site was part of an agreement between the extractor of these valuable resources and the community that it would be returned as a green field site after works had been completed. In my opinion to break this contract I feel would let down the local people and renege on the promise given to the community. My constituents wish to keep the site as fields and agricultural land.

It is the belief of the local people that this green field site is sacrosanct and a valuable amenity for the local people and others to enjoy and so I urge the Secretary of State to defend this sensitive green belt land.

With best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Anne Main'.

Anne Main MP