

St Albans Labour Group, further objection on behalf of St Albans council Labour Group

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Objection to document SADC/ED78 – Green belt: previously developed land – clarification

In our original submission to the Reg 19 consultation, we challenged that the council paid insufficient attention to brownfield sites and to previously developed land in the free belt. We referred to a specific example-, namely “the previously developed grey-belt land at and behind the Pastoral Centre further south along Shenley Lane.”

The council address this point on page 6 of this document, saying “The majority of the existing buildings are Grade II or Grade II* listed, unclear to what extent residential conversion would be appropriate in relation to heritage impacts; limited existing other permanent built form”

We accept that the site does contain a small amount of particularly high value Grade II* listed buildings which would require the most sensitive of conversion. However, the site contains unlisted buildings of lesser aesthetic value as well as grade II listed buildings which are not obviously inappropriate for residential conversion:



Unlisted



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Grade ii Listed

As in our earlier submission, we raise these concerns, not to promote a particular site, but to highlight that the council’s approach to scrutinising brownfield land and previously developed land in the green belt has been flawed.