

Examination of the North Hertfordshire Local Plan 2011 – 2031 – Proposed site Allocations Great Ashby

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Having now viewed the Plan I do not consider that the report adequately gives mention that the development known as 'Tile Kiln Farm' (SG4 7BS) is in fact five residential dwellings all of which are grade II listed properties. In fact, the brick wall at my property, Brooches Barn is approximately 500 years' old and has a well of around 200 feet deep as does my neighbour. The five properties are surrounded by fields/paddocks but it is the intention to extend Great Ashby into this Green Belt area known as, Friends Green (GA2). The recommendation is to build new housing alongside my neighbour Dell Barn which is unsympathetic to the character of the five dwellings and will destroy the rural aspect they have enjoyed for hundreds of years.

Owning a grade II listed property is a privilege, I see myself as a custodian of a piece of this country's heritage and quite rightly have to seek Listed Building Permission to make even the smallest of external alterations or additions yet the recommendation is that the new housing estate of Great Ashby expands and modern housing is built alongside these old properties, how can that be right? Aesthetically this will destroy the rural surroundings of these properties which should not be allowed to happen.