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Rt Hon James Brokenshire MP
Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local
Government
Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government
4th Floor
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Dear Mr Brokenshire

East Hertfordshire District Council's Local Plan

Ware Town Council represents a population of around 18,000 residents in East Hertfordshire. Areas to the North and East of Ware have been identified in the emerging East Herts District Plan as a Strategic Growth Site with the potential for a development of 1,500 dwellings.

At a meeting of Ware Town Council held on Monday 1 October, councillors expressed considerable concern about your recent decision, in your letter dated 11 September, to place a holding direction on the East Herts District Plan and resolved that I write to you expressing those concerns.

Ware Town Council is concerned that, in not having an up to date district plan in place, East Herts District Council will not have a 5 year land supply and this could leave areas around Ware vulnerable to speculative development.

Ware Town Council urges the Secretary of State to come to a speedy resolution on this issue for the benefit of communities in East Hertfordshire, and Ware in particular.

Yours sincerely,

Cllr David Oldridge
Mayor of Ware

Cc: Mark Prisk, MP
Cllr L Haysey, Leader of East Herts District Council
Liz Watts, CEO of East Herts District Council