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**RE:** UTT/23/0950/PINS  
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As a resident of Uttlesford, I do not support this application for the following reasons: -

1) We are suffering from a **global climate and biodiversity emergency**. Populations of the UK's most important wildlife have plummeted by an average of 60% since 1970. The main drivers of this loss are the conversion of natural habitats into agricultural land and **the expansion of urban areas**.

2) This site lies only 2km of a site of **Special Scientific Interest** (Hatfield Forest SSSI lies approximately 1.2km east of the site).

3) It lies just 250m of habitats of **Principal Importance**. Evidence of use of the site by an assemblage of **bat species was recorded** (all bat species and their roosts are legally protected and are of major environmental significance). **Evidence of Water Vole** was recorded upstream of an area to be impacted upon by the development (considered one of Britain's most endangered wild mammals). They are a priority species in the UK Biodiversity Action Plan. A low population of **Common Lizard** and **Slow Worm** were recorded within the site. (The status of our common lizard population is generally uncertain, given the challenges of monitoring them, but it is presumed to be declining in the same way as other casualties of habitat loss).

Ancient woodland takes hundreds of years to establish and is defined as an irreplaceable habitat. **Hatfield Forest is among the oldest hunting woodlands in Europe**, with a rich history stretching back over two thousand years. It is home to spectacular ancient trees and wildlife. It is for these reasons; I feel it is our duty to protect areas of global & national importance (SSSI's) and any endangered priority species and habitats of principal importance. This application is an environmental threat to all of the above and should be protected at all costs. This planning application has been put forward twice and for sound environmental reasons, it has **FAILED** twice.

Thank you

Louise Pepper