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The character of Chiswell Green is being negatively impacted by the proposal to build in green spaces that are currently enjoyed by our local community. Rather than preserving the character of the area, the proposal to build additional high-cost homes detracts from the quality of life for existing residents and compromises the ecological integrity of the green belt space, for very little benefit. The damage that will be done will not be offset by the relatively minuscule advantage of adding 7 homes to the area, particularly as we need affordable homes - which these are not.

Having access to Nature is an important part of supporting health in the local population. Granting permission for plans that will increase air pollution, noise pollution and reduce access to natural areas is counterproductive for Chiswell Green residents. We live in a relatively rural part of the St Albans that offers relief from urban sprawl, enjoyed by those living in Chiswell Green as well as St Albans. Chiswell Green does not have good transport infrastructure meaning new homes worsen existing traffic pressures and there are not enough alternatives that support use of public transport. Destroying green land for such a small number of unaffordable homes is a disservice to the community.