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Dear Ms Bijle,

Proposed Bowmans Cross Garden Village

I am writing regarding the proposed garden village that is under consideration for inclusion in Hertsmere Borough Council's Local Plan.

A number of my constituents, including Colney Heath and London Colney Parish Councils, have raised serious concerns about these plans, which I share.

- The Bowmans Cross development could be within 350 metres of both London Colney and Colney Heath leading to de facto coalescence of these villages, and a harmful loss of openness between them.
- The reduction in planned employment opportunities in the revised garden village proposal, potentially leading to increased reliance on cars in an area already suffering from traffic congestion.
- Any plan to block Coursers Road at the Bell roundabout would stop Colney Heath residents accessing either the M25 or Colney Fields Retail Park, and force more traffic from any new development through Colney Heath village.

I would urge you to give these concerns serious and due consideration when reviewing the proposal. I would also urge you to engage with these two local Parish Councils in my constituency in a meaningful and constructive way, and look forward to hearing what further engagement opportunities there will be for affected residents in my constituency.

Yours sincerely,

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