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From: Ann Darnell
Sent: 02 November 2015 13:46
To: Local Plan
Subject: FW: Shenley Grange - representation from Eddie McGuire
Attachments: SADM letter 10 April, 2014.doc

From: Eddie McGuire [REDACTED]
Sent: 14 September 2015 15:54
To: Mark Silverman; Ann Darnell; Scott Laban
Subject: RE: Shenley Grange

Dear All,

Thank you for this reminder. In the light of our recent joint progress, for which I am most grateful, the last thing I want is to pile on the misery of more negativity when I believe we are in harmony, but I understand the “rote” of lodging representations/observations/objections. Rather than enter another extensive screed of objections, not only to the revised SADM proposal (as yet unchanged from the initial proposal) but to the fundamental process as well of which we are all painfully aware, I hopefully can simply rely on the objections as outlined in my letter of 10 April 2014 (attached) and on our joint agreement to the suggestion within the penultimate paragraph.

Kind regards,

Eddie

From: Ann Darnell
Sent: 01 September 2015 13:18
To: 'Eddie McGuire' [REDACTED]
Cc: Scott Laban; Mark Silverman
Subject: RE: Shenley Grange fao Eddie McGuire

Dear Eddie

Please find attached a plan showing the suggested re-alignment of the village infill boundary that from a Policy point of view we would be prepared to discuss putting forward as a proposed modification to the published Policies Map. Although on first sight this may not extend out as far as you might have liked, the proposed alignment would not preclude land outside the boundary continuing to be used as garden. We would however resist any further areas being included within the village infill boundary as we would not wish to see any built development encroaching further out into the more open area beyond.

We look forward to hearing your thoughts.

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10 April, 2014

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Dear Sirs,

## **SADM Policies Consultation Draft** **SHENLEY GRANGE** [REDACTED]

My family and I have been the owner and occupier of the above for the last 24 years. I have briefly perused the consultation document from the viewpoint of not only our home but Shenley in the round, and I have had the benefit of speaking with Matthew Wilson.

Historians tell us that Shenley has existed for perhaps 1000 years as a hamlet/townland. It is arguable that Shenley Old Town (London Road, New Road and part of Harris Lane) initially thrived as a result of the building of four large houses, the most central of which, in 1801, was Shenley Grange – certainly many people were employed to support those homes and there were some 20 local shops/businesses (including two watch/clock repairers!) subsisting until after WW11.

Modern Shenley has evolved almost entirely as a result of State action in the Green Belt, as follows;

- In the 1920's the State acquired Porters Park to build a hospital along with further roads of houses to accommodate support staff.
- In the 1950/60's the State developed a large swathe of land behind the east side of London Road to build hundreds of houses and a few tower blocks of flats, trebling the built environment and population of the village.
- In the 1990's the State facilitated the development of Porters Park into some 1000 homes, trebling again the then population from 1,500 to 4,500.
- In effect the State has built or facilitated the erection of around 85% of Shenley.

It is seen that the State now proposes to redefine the boundary of Shenley village specifically to exclude Shenley Grange from it. In the absence of any offered justification or explanation I write to formally object to this amendment on the following general planning, personal and philosophical grounds;

If the objective of exclusion is to prevent infilling on private land then there is already in place a definition of what infilling means in Hertsmere's villages such as Shenley, and this long-existing definition is incredibly restrictive. Additionally, Shenley Grange is within the Metropolitan Green Belt and Shenley Conservation Area – both major State control mechanisms.

From a personal viewpoint, the proposal is psychologically devastating and divisive, and we find unconscionable the very thought of disenfranchisement from our village, of which, in the public domain, Shenley Grange is regarded as a cornerstone – or at least the verdant frontage is which the public benefits from at private expense.

Philosophically, this proposal of effectively sequestering Shenley Grange can surely be regarded only as communistic and, in view of the State's own excesses in Shenley, utterly cynical - furthering the already communistic Section 106, Social Housing and CIL diktats.

It seems also that Porters Park (Shenley New Town) and the adjoining roads are proposed to be excluded from the Green Belt, although my brief perusal did not uncover any direct allusion to this. As with the village boundary proposed amendment, no explanation or justification seems to have been offered.

I request that the village boundary relating to Shenley Grange remains broadly on the present line, or even more rationally as a line joining the built environment on both adjoining sides. No doubt officers will be immersed in many borough-wide matters following this consultation, but I request a meeting to discuss our objections in due course.

At this stage, and with the comfort explained to me that this entire Consultation Document will be subject to amendment and re-consultation, I earnestly hope that commonsense and decency can prevail and that we are not forced into the great expense of employing Planning Consultants to defend our position.

Yours faithfully,

Eddie McGuire