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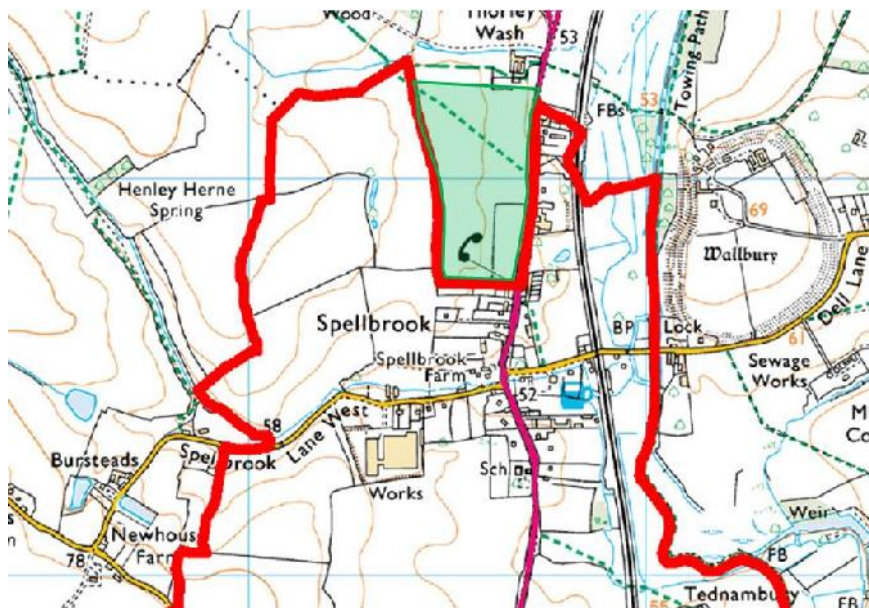
Dear [REDACTED]

Sawbridgeworth Neighbourhood Plan Boundary Consultation

I write with regard to the consultation of the Neighbourhood Plan boundary for Sawbridgeworth. Thank you for your time on the phone earlier this week and I appreciate you allowing my comments to be considered, you informed me that the consultation was closed on Wednesday 14th October. The Council web site shows the consultation to be open at present and I could not find a part of the web site that gives the deadline for comment.

My interest in the consultation is on behalf of my client, the Diocese of St Albans Board of Finance, who is a landowner within the area. The concern with the proposed boundary is the exclusion of my clients land from the Neighbourhood Plan Area, and I ask for consideration for the alteration of the boundary to extend the Neighbourhood plan area.

The area in question lies to the north of Spellbrook and is shaded (shaded green) in the plan below. The site abuts the built development boundary of the settlement, with residential properties to the south, and commercial sites to the east on the other side of the road. This could offer a sustainable location for small scale growth of Spellbrook in the future.



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I request that the Parish Council gives consideration to the extension of the plan area in the way I describe in my last paragraph. My client's land does not fill the entire green area of the plan provided, but this forms a logical rounding of the settlement in line with the boundary drawn around Spellbrook to the east and west.

I appreciate the currently proposed boundary follows the existing (historic) Parish boundary, however, I believe this could hinder opportunities for the most appropriate pattern of growth. As the area is outside of the Parish Council boundary the parish shall need to apply to the neighbouring Parish of Thorley for acceptance to include the aforementioned area; however, I suggest this is plausible approach as the land relates much more closely to the settlement of Spellbrook than Bishop Stortford and Thorley.

I trust the above is clear; however, please do feel free to contact me should you wish to clarify any of the comments above.

Yours sincerely,

