

Response to Hemel Garden Community Vision Survey

You will need to open the Survey by clicking on this link

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/HemelGardenCommunitiesVision>

and looking at the questions to which I have given the following answers

- 1 YES
- 2 YES
- 3 YES
- 4 YES
- 5 YES
- 6 YES
- 7 YES
- 8 YES
- 9 YES

10(1) To make the town centre more attractive for residential use and for retail activity

10(2) To build on the vision of the Jellicoe Gardens to enhance the attractiveness of the town centre

10(3) To develop and improve the industrial area with due regard being given to the impact on the surrounding areas.

11 The questions 1 to 9 are very general and superficial and it is difficult rationally to oppose those objectives, but a simple yes is not adequate as it must be qualified as the objectives cannot be unfettered by other constraints. Little Gaddesden Parish Council is strongly opposed to the whole concept of the Hemel Garden Community to the north of Hemel for the following reasons

- 1) The proposed development will have a very damaging effect on the villages to the north of Hemel Hempstead ie- Great Gaddesden, Little Gaddesden, Potten End and Nettleden and will almost inevitably lead to the development of rat-runs through the villages which already suffer significantly from excess traffic.
- 2) The proposal of a new road from the M1 to the B440 will have a detrimental effect on the B440, which has been downgraded from an A road and now cannot take more heavy traffic- particularly at Water End where there is a single track bridge and very ancient historical building close to the road.
- 3) The intended Garden Community is to be built largely on Green Belt land which should be protected from exactly this sort of development.
- 4) 11,000 new houses built so close to Ashridge Forest will cause serious long-term damage to an AONB which is already under threat from excess footfall and it is contrary to the recent proposal of Historic England to protect it

For these reasons we oppose the development of the Hemel Garden Community