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I thank the STOP Harlow North organisers for giving me the opportunity of addressing you in advance of the forthcoming District Council elections.

Stanstead Abbots is situated very close to the area threatened by the proposals, and the effects of a development the size of Harlow North would be felt not only at places on the front-line such as Hunsdon but also at neighbouring parishes and indeed throughout the entire district. Not only would we suffer the massive destruction of our local countryside which provides rural amenities for all, and the spoiling of the character of our villages and towns, but also huge additional pressures on roads, services and resources across our whole area.

If provided with the opportunity of representing Stanstead Abbots Ward I can assure you of my support against the Harlow North development both now and in the future. The proposals remain unsustainable and unnecessary, and East Herts Council and Hertfordshire County Council remain completely opposed. As a Conservative Councillor I would back wholeheartedly this stance that both the District and County Councils are taking in opposing Harlow North.

The previous Government's own independent Inspector had quite clearly and openly said that this development was totally non-sustainable, and the current Government has scrapped The Regional Plan of which Harlow North was part.

However, until such time as the necessary legislation is removed the fight against the developers must continue.