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Developers whose proposal for 195 new homes in Radlett was rejected have now had their appeal against the decision dismissed.

In a landmark win for Hertsmere Borough Council (HBC) and almost 3,000 residents who objected to the development on Shenley Hill, the Secretary of State's inspectors have decided that Fairfax's proposal was not borne of special circumstances that would justify building on the green belt.

The inspector's report, published on January 26, states: "The fundamental aim of green belt policy is to prevent urban sprawl by keeping land permanently open; the essential characteristics of green belts are their openness and their permanence."

Deputy Prime Minister Oliver Dowden, MP for Hertsmere, said: "I have been deeply concerned about the proposals to erect 195 houses on green belt land at Shenley Hill. I am therefore pleased that the Planning Inspectorate has rightly listened to these concerns and dismissed the appeal. I would like to assure residents that I will continue to champion the protection of our green open spaces."

Hertsmere borough councillor Lucy Selby added: "I am delighted with this news. The people of Radlett are passionate about where they live. We thank the Planning Inspectorate for listening to the voices of the local residents, the planning officers at HBC, Aldenham Parish Council and the local MP to ensure the safeguarding of our precious green belt."

Fairfax has been contacted for comment.