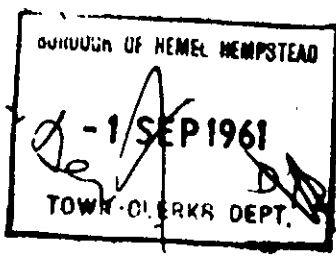


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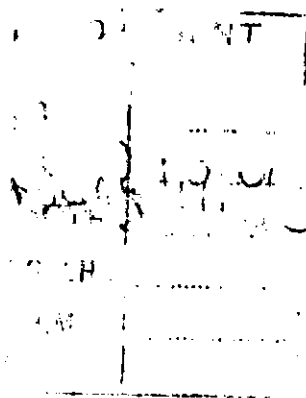


31 AUG 1961

Sir,

Town and Country Planning Act, 1947 - Section 16
Appeal by Mr. T. C. Batchelor

1. I am directed by the Minister of Housing and Local Government to say that he has considered your client's appeal against the refusal of the Hemel Hempstead Borough Council, acting on behalf of Hertfordshire County Council to permit the erection of five detached bungalows on land adjoining 'Shanty Café', London Road, Hemel Hempstead. He has considered the representations made in support of the appeal and the council's observations thereon. One of his officers has visited the site.
2. The Minister sees no reason to differ from his decision given on your client's appeal last year in respect of a similar proposal for the development of the appeal site. As the site lies within the proposed extension of the Metropolitan Green Belt he considers that the Council are right in applying the green belt policy here and, except in very special circumstances, restricting development to that essential to the needs of agriculture or other rural purposes. He supports their view that proposed development would harm the green belt and would raise traffic objections, even if the number of accesses on to the trunk road were limited to one. He has therefore decided to dismiss your client's appeal. The Minister notes the Council's request for costs, but he has no power to make an order except in connection with a local inquiry.



I am, Sir,
Your obedient Servant,

(MISS E. M. BARBER)
Authorized by the Minister
to sign in that behalf.

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