

If you would like to respond to the Local Plan consultation it is important to refer directly to the modifications that are being proposed for the warehousing allocation at Marston Gate, as it is these changes that are being consulted on.

This is the link to the consultation document. The proposed changes to the Marston Gate Extension site are on <https://centralbedfordshire.oc2.uk/document/48/6428#d7753>

Please email your objections to localplan@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk

By NOON on May 5th.

Objections you might like to consider making with respect to the Round House and Ringwork are:

Main Modification 34, site SE2, Marston Gate Expansion

1. Reducing the warehouse allocation in size from 40 to 30ha doesn't go far enough. The revised warehouse allocation will still destroy the open views from the Ringwork over to Ridgmont. It will still harm the setting of this ancient monument, which is the very reason why it was sited here in the first place.
2. The warehousing will still run right along the A507. This should be reduced; the warehousing will still stretch right across the whole of the view from the Ringwork towards Ridgmont destroying the openness.
3. The height of the warehousing should be further restricted. 18.5m in height is still too high and will still be overwhelming, greatly harming the setting of the Round House/Ringwork.
4. The views from the John Bunyan trail towards Ridgmont will still be lost.
5. With the appearance of the warehousing, multi-barrel roof lines will make the site more intrusive in the landscape.

If you want to go further, you could add:

The revised height of the warehousing and the extent of the site hasn't gone far enough and will still also have:

An adverse impact on the Grade II* listed Segenhoe Manor at Ridgmont

An adverse impact on the Greensand Ridge and the walks in the area

Lead to an increase in heavy traffic at Junction 13 of the M1 – a junction that is already struggling with the traffic load.

Have an adverse impact on 'Greensand Country' and its objective of attracting tourism to the county.