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# Land Allocations Issues & Options Paper

Sites for allocation for the  
District's needs and targets

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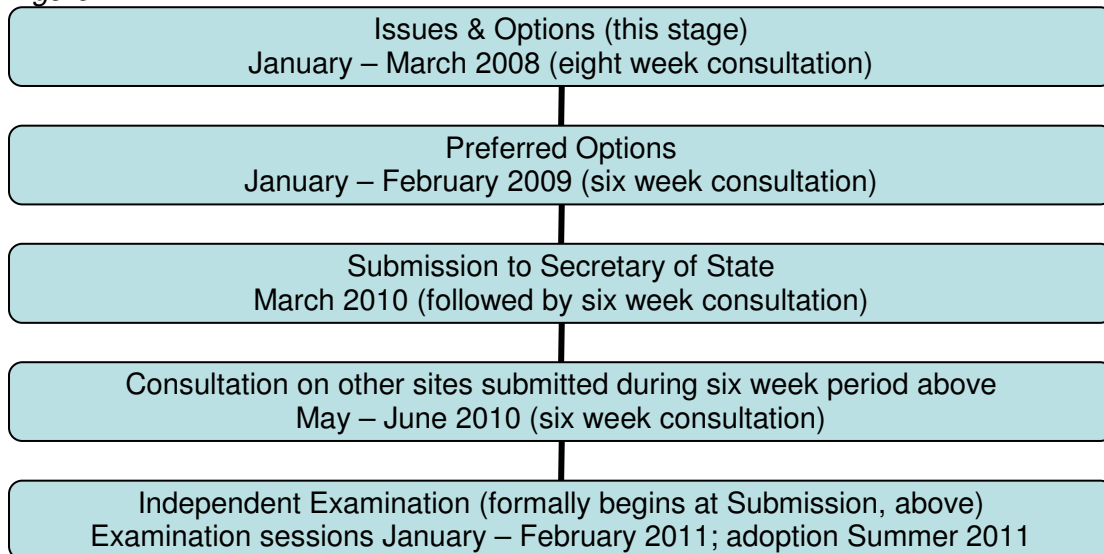
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## Land Allocations Issues & Options

### 1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 The Land Allocations document is an important part of the Council's Local Development Framework. In particular, it gives the detailed site-specific locations for the developments and land uses discussed in the Core Strategy. The Core Strategy (preferred options draft) was consulted upon in September and October 2007. It identified matters such as which towns and villages should accommodate development and broad directions of growth for the towns.
- 1.2 There are a number of stages in preparing the Land Allocations document. They are summarised in Figure 1, below. This is the first stage, known as 'Issues and Options'. At this stage, we have identified a variety of sites in order to meet the district's needs and targets for new development. More sites are identified than is needed at this stage. The next stage will be 'Preferred Options', when the right amount of land will be identified and the sites will be those that we are content should be included. The inclusion of sites in this Issues and Options paper does not therefore indicate that the Council would be happy for all these sites to be developed.
- 1.3 The final stage for public consultation is 'Submission' where, in light of all the comments received to the preferred options, paper the documents are refined and submitted to the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government. The Secretary of State then appoints an independent inspector to carry out an independent examination of the document. At the submission stage there is a six week period in which comments may be made, including suggesting sites that have not been included in the submission document. After the formal six week consultation has closed, we will collate all those new sites suggested and publish them for a final six week consultation where the public can comment on those sites.

Figure 1:



- 1.4 Finally, the inspector issues a report. The findings in this report are binding on the Council.

### Area covered

- 1.5 This document does not quite cover the whole of North Hertfordshire District. The area of land covered by the Stevenage and North Hertfordshire Action Plan (SNAP) is excluded from this document. The SNAP document, which is being prepared jointly by Stevenage Borough and North Hertfordshire District Councils, will deal with any allocations of land in that area.

### How can I make representations on the Issues and Options paper?

- 1.6 We are inviting comments on the Land Allocations Development Plan Document (DPD) and the accompanying Strategic Environmental Assessment / Sustainability Appraisal from anyone with an interest in the future development of North Hertfordshire. Your comments will help the Council to draw together its Preferred Options for land allocations during 2008.
- 1.7 Copies of the Land Allocations Issues and Options consultation document and the Sustainability Appraisal are available for inspection on the Council's web site, [www.north-herts.gov.uk](http://www.north-herts.gov.uk) or at the following locations:

Location	Address	Opening times
District Council Offices	Council Offices Gernon Road Letchworth Garden City SG6 3JF	Monday to Friday 09.00 – 17.00
Baldock Library	Simpson Drive Baldock Hertfordshire SG7 6DH	Monday - Wednesday: 09.00-19.00 Thursday: 09.00-17.00 Friday: 09.00-19.00 Saturday: 09.00-13.00
Hitchin Library	Paynes Park Hitchin Hertfordshire SG5 1EW	Monday: 10.00-20.00 Tuesday - Friday: 09.00-20.00 Saturday: 09.00-16.00
Knebworth Library	7 St Martins Road Knebworth Hertfordshire SG3 6ER	Monday – Friday 14.00-18.00 Saturday: 09.00-13.00
Letchworth Garden City Library	Central Library Broadway Letchworth Hertfordshire SG6 3PF	Monday: 10.00-20.00 Tuesday - Friday: 09.00-20.00 Saturday: 09.00-16.00
Royston Library	Market Hill Royston Hertfordshire SG8 9JN	Monday: 09.00-19.00 Tuesday: 10.00-19.00 Wednesday – Friday : 09.00-19.00 Saturday: 09.00-16.00

- 1.8 Representations can either be made on-line at [www.north-herts.gov.uk](http://www.north-herts.gov.uk) or made in writing using the representation forms provided with the documents. **The period during which representations can be made is between 24<sup>th</sup> January 2008 to 19<sup>th</sup> March 2008.**

Written representations should be sent to:  
Planning Policy and Projects  
North Hertfordshire District Council  
Council Offices  
Gernon Road  
Letchworth Garden City  
SG6 3JF

E-mail : [ldfconsultations@north-herts.gov.uk](mailto:ldfconsultations@north-herts.gov.uk)  
Fax : 01462 – 474558

- 1.9 If you make a representation you can request to be notified at a specified address that the Land Allocations DPD has been submitted to the Secretary of State for independent examination and of the adoption of the Land Allocation DPD.
  
- 1.10 The Council adopted its Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) in July 2006. The SCI sets out the Council's approach to involving the community, stakeholders and consultees in the process of preparing Local Development Framework documents and commenting on planning applications. The SCI can be viewed on the Council's website and is also available at local libraries and Council offices.

