Table of Actions – Week 2

Matters 7, 8, 5 & 9

Local Plan Examination actions as requested by the Inspector are shown in the tables below.

Where appropriate there are links to the relevant Examination Documents.

Actions which are shaded pale grey in the tables include proposed main modifications. These will be added to the website in due course.

| Matter 7 – Countryside and Green Belt : the Green Belt Review and approach to safeguarded land | | |
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| **Action** | **Date on which Action Completed** | **Examination Doc**  **Reference No.** |
| **NHDC to propose amendment to Sustainability Appraisal to include sentence referring to time delay for new settlement** |  |  |
| **NHDC to provide previous iterations of the SA to be included as Examination Documents** | November 2017 | [OLP7](https://www.north-herts.gov.uk/files/olp7-sa-sea-2014-po-main-reportpdf) |
| **NHDC to provide comprehensive justification for proposed addition of land to the Green Belt** | January 2018 | [**ED79**](https://www.north-herts.gov.uk/files/ed79-green-beltpdf-1) |
| **NHDC to respond in writing to legal submissions on the openness of the GB submitted by Andrew Parkinson on behalf of Save Our Green Belt.** |  |  |
| **NHDC to confirm to Ms Cheryl Peers the number of the sites allocated in the draft LP which are in the GB as currently defined and inform the Inspector when this has been done.** | 20.02.2018 | [ED110](https://www.north-herts.gov.uk/files/ed110-response-ms-peers-re-ed53-matter-7-pdf) |
| **NHDC to prepare draft schedule of main modifications. NHDC to screen the draft main modifications as to whether a modified SEA is necessary.** |  |  |
| **NHDC to prepare a supplementary paper to HOU1 Housing and GB Background Paper explaining the reasons why it maintains there are exceptional circumstances justifying the safeguarding of the land west of the A1(M) at Stevenage.** |  |  |

| Matter 8 – The Housing Strategy : affordable housing, housing mix and supported, sheltered and older persons housing | | |
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| **NHDC to propose amendments to Policy HS2 as follows:**   * **HS2(a) to be reconsidered, specifically so that it makes reference to viability considerations and makes targets clearer** * **HS2(b)(iii), in respect of reference to likely affordability of any affordable provision in real terms** * **HS2(b), in relation to “have regard to” and (i) the Council’s “starting point for negotiations”** * **Amendment to explanatory text to provide information as to prioritisation of affordable housing for those with local connection (to include reference to legal agreements as mechanism)** * **Amendment to paragraph 8.8 of explanatory text to include reference to community/co-operative housing models** * **Any consequential amendments to Policy HS3 in light of proposed changes to HS2** |  |  |
| **NHDC to liaise with Luton BC in respect of:**   * **a main modification to Policy SP19 to make it clear that the 1,950 homes to be provided on site east of Luton to assist with meeting Luton’s unmet need will include access to affordable housing** * **self-build plots on site east of Luton** |  |  |
| * **NHDC to provide a note on self-build and the position taken in respect of self-build in legislation, the National Planning Policy Framework and Planning Practice Guidance** * **NHDC to consider position adopted by Stevenage BC and Luton BC on this issue** * **NHDC to consider amendment to explanatory text of SP2 to include reference to self-build in villages** * **NHDC to consider clarification as to what is meant by the identification of 100 self-build plots as compared to self-build on windfall sites** | February 2018 | [ED83](https://www.north-herts.gov.uk/files/ed83-nhdc-note-self-buildpdf) |
| **NHDC to consider the deletion of criterion (f) of Policy HS4 and to instead make reference to the requirement under policies for strategic site allocations** |  |  |
| **NHDC to consider amendments to Policy SP8(f)(ii) and Policy HS3(a)(i) in respect of taking into account up to date evidence base** |  |  |
| **NHDC to seek clarification from viability consultants as to:**   * **Whether 100 units or more threshold being applied in HS4(e) and (f) will have an impact on viability** * **C2 uses on strategic sites and whether this will have viability implications** * **Policy HS5 and the provision of greater evidential support for this policy** | January 2018 | [ED72](https://www.north-herts.gov.uk/files/ed72-nhdc-viability-addendumpdf-1) |
| **NHDC to delete ‘exceptionally’ from Policy HS6 and consider whether any other clarificatory text is appropriate in respect of HS6** |  |  |

| Matter 5 – Housing Strategy : the spatial distribution of new housing | |  |
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| **NHDC to clarify position in relation to the fact that neighbourhood plans cannot allocate sites in the Green Belt and/or amend Green Belt boundaries in the final sentence of the (amended) Policy SP2** |  |  |