

North Herts District Council Local Plan EIP Statement

Statement from Graveley Parish Council

Matter 1- Legal Requirements

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Other legal requirements

1.6 Has the Plan been prepared in accordance with the Council's Statement of Community Involvement and met the minimum consultation requirements in the Regulations?

1. NPPF 155 requires "early and meaningful engagement". NHDC has not meet this requirement. The issuance of planning consultations and acknowledgement of responses thereto do not constitute engagement if the objections and concerns of respondents are consistently ignored. NHDC may be able to claim they have met the written requirements of the law but have not complied with the spirit / intent of the legislation. At no time did NHDC planners invite Graveley Parish Council to meet with them to discuss what was being proposed.

2. There has been a lack of transparency to the Local Plan, requests for information and explanations on issues affecting Graveley Village have been ignored. Indeed on one occasion the summary to one of our objections submitted to the Inspector by NHDC was deliberately misleading and requests that it be suitably amended ignored.

Graveley Parish Council, October 2017.