

**Re: Examination of the North Hertfordshire Local Plan 2011 - 2031**

**STATEMENT SUBMISSION**

This statement complements our original representation submitted during the consultation period, receipt of which was confirmed as follows:-

Representation No 4369 - Baldock (Plan is unsound having not been positively prepared to achieve a sustainable development in the context of safeguarding public health)

Representation No 4370 - Policy SP6 - Sustainable Transport

Representation No 4371 - Policy D4 - Air Quality

In order to ensure soundness of the plan a central planning policy for addressing the matters raised in the “NICE Pathways Report of 30<sup>th</sup> June 2017 - Air Pollution: Outdoor air quality and health” should have been adopted by plan makers, all as stipulated in the NICE report.

The NICE Report also sets out the following criteria:-

- 1) Interventions to reduce emissions and exposure to road - traffic - related air pollution
- 2) Planning
- 3) Clean Air and congestion charging zones
- 4) Reducing emissions from public sector transport services and vehicle fleets
- 5) Smooth driving and speed reduction
- 6) Active travel
- 7) Raising awareness

Traffic generated air pollution is a major public health issue. The NICE research programme should have been known to officials, consultants and advisors but does not feature in the NHDC Local Plan. Indeed there is no mention in the Plan of any proactive consultation having been undertaken with NICE. This should have been a vital part of the process, without which the plan is fundamentally unsound in relation to dealing with traffic generated air pollution that development of this scale will re-introduce.

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