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4 November 2017 – THE NEW GARDEN CITY COMPANY/ urban development corporation is brought to the Inspector's attention during hearings and in several written statements.

20 Nov 2017 – New Garden City and new settlement discussed during Hearings sessions with HMPI.

Local Plan Examination Hearing - 20 Nov 2017 - Part 3

Listen to The North Hertfordshire District Council Youtube Channel at: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vN9EqqN_q10
4:00mins – NHDC Barrister QC Susanne Ormsby – new settlement point.

13:38mins – second point – new settlement HOU6 page 62, para 6.11 the new settlement assessment document. That says it takes about 15 years to bring a new settlement on-stream. We are referring to the possibility. It is in the plan but it's been ruled out...

1: 30:39mins - Something important from SOGB Barrister Andrew Parkinson – HMPI says Louise should add something to the library on hindsight.

1:35:41mins - Cheryl Peers (Chair of Graveley Parish Council) questions new settlement/ New Garden City.

1:35:57mins – QC Ormsby – sustainability appraisal – assessing a particular location for a new settlement.

"It's a very broad level of strategic document that doesn't consider the specific location. That was the point that I was making."

1:36:22mins – Where can we find evidence of the process that you went through to show how selection took place?

1:37:56mins – HMPI – In what sense was there a site that constituted a new settlement in itself?

Nigel Smith – I believe there wasn't. We haven't had a land holding capable of accommodating...there is no such site...

1:39:25mins – Mr Coates – Contradicts Ormsby by saying the Ebenezer Howard site has been known about for years. It is well known to be Ashwell station – why so coy about mentioning it?

1:40:03mins – Save Our Green Belt Barrister Mr Andrew Parkinson – the site may not have been promoted by the Plan process but that doesn't mean ...answering a slightly different question as to if there is a site known about, history of proactive and reactive approach. It is very rare that a new settlement emerged simply through a proactive developer, given that a CPO and other statutory powers needed to create one, require a proactive approach to be taken by the Local Authority itself. So if you sit there and wait for a new settlement to emerge from the SHLAA it will never happen.

23 November 2017 – THE NEW GARDEN CITY COMPANY LIMITED is discussed during the Local Plan Examination Hearings with then Inspector from the Secretary of State. Council's barrister QC Susan Ormsby and says that the new garden city was at conceptual stage only *Transcript can be provided. The Save Our Green Belt Barrister highlights that an actual new settlement site called Rush Green site exists within the Options document of the Examination Library. On page 26 of OLP3 it refers to Rush Green which is described as free standing settlement of a thousand homes - like a new garden settlement. **Rush Green was promoted by NHDC.**

Local Plan Examination Hearing - 23 Nov 2017 - Part 4

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02:45mins onwards – Save Our Green Belt Barrister Mr Andrew Parkinson, NHDC Barrister QC Suzanne Ormsby and HMPI Simon Berkeley. Discuss new settlement.

New Settlement – 08:21 Inspector is questioned about the audit trail.

24 Nov 2017 – Cllr David Levett and/ or advisors files annual accounts for THE NEW GARDEN CITY COMPANY. Accounts for a dormant company made up to 28 February 2017.

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January 2018 – More representors highlight the fact of the legal entity called The New Garden City Company. It was factually incorporated by the Plan's signatory and Council's Chief Planning Executive; and therefore becomes a material consideration. It has now become a legal company and no longer "Conceptual". The representors argue that it should therefore be included in the Housing Economic Land Availability Assessment, Strategic Housing Market Assessment, Sustainability Assessment and Strategic Housing Market Assessment submitted to the Inspector. This may also be viewed for all intents and purposes, as potentially the new settlement vehicle itself. Therefore should it make appearance in the Plan document and be subjected to the same scrutiny as everything else, in order for the Plan to be robust?

09 Mar 2018 – Cllr David Levett makes application to strike off THE NEW GARDEN CITY COMPANY LIMITED from the Companies House register. This does not satisfy the need to include justified arguments in written form within the Local Plan however.

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20 Mar 2018 – Cllr David Levett makes First Gazette notice for voluntary strike-off of THE NEW GARDEN CITY COMPANY.

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