



LOCAL PLAN PUBLICATION STAGE REPRESENTATION FORM

North Hertfordshire Proposed Submission Local Plan

Please return this form to North Hertfordshire District Council either by email to : local.plans@north-herts.gov.uk or by post to: Strategic Planning and Projects Group, NHDC, PO Box 480, M33 0DE

The deadline for receipt of representations is **30 November 2016**. Late representations will not be considered.

This form has two parts-

Part A – Personal Details

Part B – Your Representation(s). Please fill in a separate sheet for each representation you wish to make.

Part A

1. Personal Details

2. Agent Details

** If an agent is appointed, please complete only the Title, Name and organisation boxes below but complete the full contact details the agent in 2.*

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Part B - Please use a separate sheet for each representation

It is recommended that you read the Guidance Notes provided for an explanation of the terms used in this form.

Name or Organisation: Letchworth Garden City Heritage Foundation

3. To which part of the Local Plan does this representation relate?

Paragraph(s) Policy Site

4. Do you Consider the Local Plan is:

(Please tick as appropriate)

i) Legally Compliant Yes No

ii) Sound Yes No

If No, which of the Soundness tests does it fail?

Positively prepared

Justified

Effective

Consistent with National Policy

iii) Complies with the Duty to co-operate Yes No

5. Please give details of why you consider the Local Plan not legally compliant or is unsound or fails to comply with the duty to co-operate. Please be as precise as possible. If you wish to support the legal compliance or soundness of the Local Plan or its compliance with the duty to co-operate, please also use this box to set out your comments.

Although we support the aspirations of this policy in seeking to encourage tourism in our town centre, we are of the view that this could be widened to be more supportive of rural areas, as well as town centre locations.

This we believe meets the criteria of para 21 of the NPPF, which encourages support for existing business sectors, and para 28 of the NPPF which supports local economies.

In the case of Letchworth we have a number of attractions that encourage visitors into the town. Of these, our cinema, theatre, studio and gallery and museum services are located either within or on the edge of the town centre. However, we also have a family farm (Standalone) and the Letchworth Garden City Greenway, which attract many thousands of visitors each year, both of which are in the countryside.



There is an opportunity that these activities could also be encouraged within a specific Tourism Strategy, which identifies opportunities for enhancements in this sector. This could be a separate document or part of the Economic Development Strategy.

This would meet the provisions of para 28 of the NPPF, where there is an encouragement of tourism in rural areas.

(Continue on a separate sheet if necessary)

6. Please set out what modification (s) you consider necessary to make the Local Plan legally compliant or sound, having regard to the test you have identified at question 5 above where this relates to soundness. *(NB Please note that any non-compliance with the duty to co-operate is incapable of modification at examination).* You will need to say why this modification will make the Local Plan legally compliant or sound. It will be helpful if you are able to put forward your suggested revised wording of any policy or text. Please be as precise as possible.

Suggested policy amendment:

Delete the paragraph starting *'In the rural area.....'*

Replace:

'We will support proposals for enhanced rural tourism related activity where they:

- *Enhance the local economy*
- *Provide suitable car parking facilities and access to non-car transport modes*
- *Will not be harmful to the character and quality of the countryside*
- *Will not conflict adopted policies concerning the Countryside and Green Belt*
- *Will not lead to an unacceptable loss of residential amenity'*

(Continue on a separate sheet if necessary)

Please note your representation should cover concisely all the information, evidence and supporting information necessary to support/justify the representation and the suggested modification, as there will not normally be a subsequent opportunity to make further representations based on the original representation at publication stage.

After this stage, further submissions will only be at the request of the Inspector, based on the matters and issues he/she identifies for examination.

7. If your representation is seeking a modification, do you consider it necessary to participate at the oral part of the examination?

No, I do not wish to participate at the oral examination.

Yes, I wish to participate at the oral examination

If you wish to participate at the oral part of the examination, please outline why you consider this to be necessary:

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Please note the inspector will determine the most appropriate procedure to adopt to hear those who have indicated that they wish to participate at the oral part of the examination.

8. Do you wish to be notified when the Local Plan is submitted?

Yes

Yes, I do wish to be notified

No, I do not wish to be notified

9. Signature:

David Ames

Date:

29th Nov 2016