

**Statement between Stevenage Borough Council, Hertfordshire County Council as Local Highway Authority, WSP Group on behalf of Bellway and Miller in respect of Stevenage Site HO3: North of Stevenage and Croudace Homes in respect of North Hertfordshire Site NS1: North of Stevenage in respect of Stevenage Borough Local Plan 2011-2031.**

**Date of Agreement: 22 March 2017**

This statement relates to Land North of Stevenage i.e. sites Stevenage Borough Local Plan Site HO3: North of Stevenage and North Hertfordshire Local Plan Site NS1: North of Stevenage. Its purpose is to set out the joint approach to masterplanning and mobility that will be taken by the sites.

The combined sites are capable of forming a sustainable extension to the existing community of Stevenage in such a way as to promote living at the local scale, which means enabling people to undertake day to day activities such as going to school, visiting friends, shopping at local convenience shops.

There will be permeability by active travel, that is walking and cycling, into and through both of these sites for the benefit of new and existing residents. The sites will be designed to promote low speeds and provide a high quality infrastructure for pedestrians and cyclists. This will act to create a legible and cohesive network of walking and cycle routes that can be integrated into the existing urban fabric of north Stevenage and also provide connections and permeability to existing and emerging routes in North Hertfordshire.

The sites will provide a co-ordinated access strategy across all modes of travel. It is likely that three accesses to the combined site will provide vehicular access, controlled in such a way to be consistent with the Stevenage Transport Strategy and the emerging North Hertfordshire Transport Strategy. It is intended that access will be provided for active travel and public transport access into, and out of the site, with consideration being given to one of the accesses being dedicated to active travel and public transport access, to provide priority for these more sustainable forms of transport.

The extension to Stevenage also creates the opportunity to provide much improved linkages, particularly along North Road connecting into the Stevenage walking and cycle network, linking to the town centre and public transport interchanges. North Road will be improved to become a place for people at a pedestrian scale, rather than a vehicular conduit as it is today.

In line with the Stevenage Transport Strategy and emerging North Hertfordshire Transport Strategy, the focus of any mitigation for the combined sites is to be on prioritising active travel and sustainable travel and not catering for the convenience of the car commuter.

With this in place we are satisfied that the effect of traffic to and from this extension of Stevenage is satisfactory and controlled in such a way that it does not adversely affect the operation of the highway network in this part of Stevenage and its approach is consistent with the aims of the Stevenage Transport Strategy and emerging North Hertfordshire Transport Strategy.



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Signed on behalf of  
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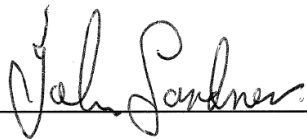


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Councillor John Gardner

Deputy Leader of the Council

Signed on behalf of  
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