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Dear Nigel

North Hertfordshire Local Plan

Thank you for the opportunity to comment upon your new local plan.

The Borough Council generally welcomes the new North Hertfordshire Local Plan [NHLP] and the spatial strategy set out within it, subject to the caveats raised in the objections that follow.

It is with regret that the Borough Council has to advise you that it considers the North Hertfordshire Local Plan is unsound in a number of respects. We will, however, be happy to work with you and to negotiate a satisfactory resolution to our, necessary, objections.

Stevenage Borough Council hopes to be able to advance this joint working to the point that agreed modifications can be put to the NHLP Inspector such that, subject to the adoption of those modifications, the objections can be withdrawn.

However, should any objections be unresolved at the time of the examination into the NHLP, the Borough Council would wish to appear at the examination to fully make its case before the local plan examination inspector. As North Hertfordshire District surrounds Stevenage Borough on three sides, it is imperative that any outstanding strategic cross-boundary issues are resolved through facilitated discussion such as the local plan examination.

Yours sincerely,

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