STEVENAGE LOCAL PLAN
STAGE 2 EXAMINATION HEARINGS

AGENDA – DAY 3 (morning)

Thursday 23 February 2017 at 10.00am

Venue: The Ibis Forum, Danestrete, Stevenage, Hertfordshire, SG1 1EJ

MATTER 10 – Employment

Please note:

- All participants are encouraged to familiarise themselves with the hearing statements (and any additional evidence) produced by the Council and other parties in respect of the matters addressed at this session. These are available on the examination website.

- Most references to questions refer to those posed by the Inspector in her Schedule of Matters, Issues and Questions (already circulated).

- This session will not consider detailed site-specific representations.

- The hearing will run until 1pm with a mid-morning break.

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1. Inspector's Opening

2. Questions/procedural or programming matters

3. Council's opening statement

4. Paragraph 2.55 of the Employment Technical Paper (CD TP1) says that at least one further iteration of the East of England Forecasting Modelling is anticipated prior to the Plan's examination. Has this been published and if so what were the key findings in relation to Stevenage and this Plan? Are there any serious implications for this Plan?

5. Would any employment land be lost to other uses as a result of any policies in the Plan? If so what is the justification for this?

6. Are the proposed employment and mixed use site allocations appropriate and justified in the light of potential constraints, infrastructure requirements and adverse impacts?

7. What are the implications of the identified employment land needs not being met within the Borough's boundaries?

8. What are the implications of Welwyn Garden City refusing to assist with providing employment land to meet some of the unmet demand from Stevenage Borough?

9. Does this have implications for Central Bedfordshire and North Hertfordshire who have agreed to assist in this regard?

10. Do they now need to contribute more than previously agreed and if so has this been discussed?

11. Does this need to be reflected in the Plan?

12. Close