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### **Stevenage Borough Council's Local Plan**

I have received a request to intervene in the Stevenage Local Plan (“the Plan”) from Stephen McPartland MP for Stevenage. The request raises a number of issues including Plan policies and supporting text covering the regeneration of Stevenage train station and town centre.

In respect of the issues identified above, I am considering whether to give a direction to Stevenage Borough Council in relation to the Plan under section 21 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004. Therefore, in exercise of the powers under section 21A of that Act (inserted by section 145(5) of the Housing and Planning Act 2016), I hereby direct Stevenage Borough Council not to take any step in connection with the adoption of the Plan, while the issues raised in the letters are considered further.

This direction will remain in force until I withdraw it or give a direction under section 21 of the 2004 Act in relation to the Plan. My officials will be in touch with your officers to discuss next steps and we will keep the Council updated throughout our considerations.

**RT HON SAJID JAVID MP**