Table of Actions – Week 4

Matters 13, 14 & 18

Local Plan Examination actions as requested by the Inspector are shown in the tables below.

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| Matter 13 – Economic Development | | |
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| **Action** | **Date on which Action Completed** | **Examination Doc**  **Reference No.** |
| **NHDC to propose amendments to Policy SP3 as follows:**   * **Reconsider proposed wording of SP3(a) to take account of fact that NHDC is seeking to ensure that the needs of the FEMA sub-area are met rather than make provision towards “unmet needs”** * **Remove Letchworth power station from SP3(c). Ensure that it is included as safeguarded employment area in policies map and that any other consequential changes to Plan are made** * **Amend SP3(c) to read “Support additional employment provision through the new allocations on the policies map as designations at…”** * **Amend SP3(b) to read “Within the District’s main settlements the Employment Areas shown on the Policies Map will be safeguarded to enhance their employment potential…”** * **Remove Business Areas from policies map to reflect MoU amendments** |  |  |
| **NHDC to propose amendments to Policy ETC1 as follows:**   * **Amend ETC1(c) to read “For allocated employment sites, any relevant site specific criteria are met”** * **Amend policy to read “Planning permission for other employment-generating uses will be granted…”** |  |  |
| **NHDC to propose amendments to Policy ETC2 as follows:**   * **Remove criterion (a)** * **Reconsider criteria (b)-(d) in the context of settlement boundaries** * **In respect of criterion (i) consider what potential applicants ought to be asked to do regarding e.g. marketing periods** * **Amend policy to refer to “outside of allocated Employment Areas and allocated Employment Sites BA10 and RY9”** |  |  |
| **NHDC to reconsider site specific criteria for BA10 and produce a paper demonstrating how reduction and/or amelioration of impact on GB is proposed to be achieved.**  **NHDC to consider including extra criteria to reflect the findings of the landscape sensitivity study e.g. will green roofs be required on new commercial buildings.**  **NHDC to ensure that any additional suggested criteria are made subject to viability testing**  **NHDC to also reconsider site-specific criteria for RY9** |  |  |

| Matter 14 – Town and Local Centres | |  |
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| **Action** | **Date on which Action Completed** | **Examination Doc**  **Reference No.** |
| **NHDC to propose amendments to Policy SP4 as follows:**   * **Amend title of SP4 to “Towns and Local Centres and Local Community Shops”** * **Insert “day to day” in SP4(f)** * **Amend (ii) to 8600 rather than 8500 convenience** * **Add “gross” where relevant** * **Amend (i)-(iii) to refer to square metres (carry this through all relevant parts of Plan)** * **Amend “other town centre uses” to refer to food and beverage outlets under Class A3-A5 and cite examples such as restaurants, takeaways and bars** * **Include a breakdown of SP4(d) into five year intervals in policy through additional table/s using figures for towns (taken as a whole), urban extensions and other** * **Amend SP4(e) to “prepare and maintain…”** * **Delete “broad locations” from paragraph 4.48** |  |  |
| **NHDC to propose amendments to Policy ETC7 as follows:**   * **Insert “the day to day needs of the local community”** * **Consider inclusion of factors to take into account when considering whether or not shops serve a day to day local need** * **Amend title to “Local Community Shops”** * **Move reference to “will be granted within existing settlements” to after “day to day needs”** * **Add “up to 800m” in relation to convenient walking distance** * **Consider what “within existing settlements” means and whether amendment is required. Is it intended to apply to Category C villages? Ensure consistency with proposed amendments to Policy SP2** |  |  |
| **Add ‘Policy’ to title of all allocations (to be carried across all allocations in Plan)** |  |  |
| **NHDC to provide note explain how the capacity identified has been reached and how the Plan proposes to meet retail needs across Plan period to include explanation of whether Plan is providing for capacities in Hitchin etc in Letchworth. In effect, summary table and explanation required of information included in Section 5 of NLP Retail Study** | 08.03.2018 | [ED117](https://www.north-herts.gov.uk/files/ed117-matter-14-councils-response-inspectors-queries-re-reatil-issuespdf) |
| **NHDC to propose amendment to Plan to ensure that Plan explains strategy in respect of retail e.g. if retail is to be concentrated in Letchworth and to reflect that aim is maintain market share.**  **Suggested amendment to SP4(d): “To ensure District’s towns maintain role and market share…”** |  |  |
| **NHDC to move thresholds and other content of paragraph 5.19 into Policy ETC3** |  |  |
| **NHDC to remove reference to “exceptionally” in ETC4 and ETC5**  **NHDC to consider amendment to ETC4 and ETC5 to widen permitted uses e.g. in respect of ETC5(a) adding A4 and A5 uses.**  **NHDC to consider adding reference to “in the daytime” to ETC4**  **NHDC to consider amendment to ETC4 and ETC5 so that they do not require a positive impact on vitality and vibrancy but rather simply a neutral impact** |  |  |
| **NHDC to propose amendment to Policy ETC6 as follows:**   * **Remove c(ii)** * **Add “so as not to undermine the provision of local shopping facilities to criterion b** * **Reorder policy so that criterion c comes before b** |  |  |
| **NHDC to reconsider Policy ETC8 and its compliance with the sequential approach** |  |  |
| **NHDC to clarify why Site r/m3 was not allocated for retail** |  |  |
| **NHDC to provide table confirming that all sites are available with willing landowners for retail sites (and all sites proposed to be allocated in Plan)** |  |  |
| **NHDC to check sq.m in Policy HT12 and whether it is correct** |  |  |
| **NHDC to give consideration a masterplan requirement for HT11 and to draft paper setting out nature of proposal for HT11 bearing in mind ownership issues and likely timescales**  **NHDC to reconsider site-specific criteria e.g. in respect of continued operation of market** |  |  |