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PART 1 – PUBLIC DOCUMENT

TITLE OF REPORT: STRATEGIC PLANNING MATTERS

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COUNCIL PRIORITY: THRIVING COMMUNITIES / ACCESSIBLE SERVICES / RESPONSIBLE GROWTH / SUSTAINABILITY

1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1.1 This report identifies the latest position on key planning and transport issues affecting the Council.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1. That the report on strategic planning matters be noted.

2.2. That the responses in Appendices A, B and C; and the proposed next steps in relation to the Local Plan review are endorsed.

3. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

3.1. To keep Cabinet informed of recent developments on strategic planning matters.

4. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

4.1. None.

5. CONSULTATION WITH RELEVANT MEMBERS AND EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS

5.1. The Executive Member has been briefed on the relevant matters in this report. Where appropriate these have also been reported to the Council's internal, informal Strategic Planning Project Board. This includes cross-party representation from all political groups. The Project Board is chaired by the Executive Member for Place.

6. FORWARD PLAN

6.1 This report does not contain a recommendation on a key Executive decision and has therefore not been referred to in the Forward Plan.

7. BACKGROUND

- 7.1. Members will be aware of, and familiar with, many of the issues surrounding strategic planning matters. This report is intended to provide Members with the current positions on the following key matters where there has been substantive change since the report in January 2026.

8. RELEVANT CONSIDERATIONS

Government Changes

- 8.1. On 16 December 2025, the Government consulted on [a revised National Planning Policy Framework](#) (NPPF). The consultation closed on 10 March 2026. Appendix A includes the Council's covering letter and detailed officer technical comments. Key issues raised include:
- **Green Belt:** The response highlighted Full Council's Motion of 29 January 2026, which raised concerns about how villages are treated in relation to "grey belt" and the potential for villages to merge with each other or with neighbouring towns.
 - **Statutory Weight for National Development Management Policies (NDMPs):** Concerns were highlighted about the tension with Section 38(6) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004, noting that non-statutory NDMPs may be vulnerable to legal challenge and could create uncertainty.
 - **Development Around Train Stations:** While the principle is supported, concerns were raised about a potential shift away from a plan-led approach and whether minimum density requirements are appropriate for rural stations.
 - **Presumption in Favour of Sustainable Development:** Although supportive in principle, we expressed concerns about its application outside settlements, particularly for authorities falling below a five-year housing land supply due to stalled sites.
 - **Climate Change:** We support the aims of Policy CC1 to reduce emissions, but noted tensions with Policy PM13, which restricts Local Plans from setting local standards in key areas and may undermine these objectives.
 - **Allocation of 10% of Housing on Sites Between 1 and 2.5 Hectares:** Concerns were raised about potential incentives for site subdivision and the likelihood that such sites may not be promoted through a call for sites in areas without a five-year housing land supply, given the comparative speed of speculative applications.
 - **Affordable Housing:** We do not support the removal of the requirement for on-site affordable housing on medium-sized sites, particularly in rural areas where such sites are often an important source of supply.

- **Five-Year Housing Land Supply and Housing Delivery Test:** We expressed concern that local authorities are penalised for development not coming forward even after permission is granted and suggested that shared responsibility across the system would support more reliable delivery.
- **Density:** We raised concerns that it is not appropriate for the NPPF to specify a fixed density figure, emphasising that local authorities must retain the ability to set standards based on local character, infrastructure capacity, design considerations, and environmental constraints.

8.2. The Hertfordshire Infrastructure & Planning Partnership (HIPP) also submitted a response to the NPPF consultation. Key points included:

- **Ambition:** Welcoming the ambition to strengthen strategic planning and improve plan-making efficiency, while seeking further clarity to ensure the framework is workable and deliverable.
- **Weight of policy:** Concern that policies would be given very limited weight if inconsistent in any way with the NPPF.
- **Medium scale development:** Requesting clarification on new category, noting risks to development quality, infrastructure funding, and the potential for speculative applications.
- **Allocation of 10% of housing on small sites:** Concern this adds complexity and may not lead to the most sustainable locations.
- **Viability assessment:** Support for viability assessments being focused at plan-making stage, while recognising some will still be needed at application stage.
- **Pre application advice:** Concern that limiting pre-application advice to major development could lead to inconsistency and missed opportunities.
- **Non-compliance:** Emphasising the need for applicants to fully justify any non-compliance with policy.
- **NDMPs:** Concern about the non-statutory status of NDMPs, the prohibition on duplicating them in Local Plans, and the uncertainty over the weight they should carry.
- **Local Policy innovation:** Concern about reduced scope for local policy innovation on biodiversity net gain.
- **Presumption:** Concern that the proposed presumption in favour of sustainable development within settlements and near stations could undermine the plan-led system.
- **Removal of SPDs:** Concern about the removal of SPDs (Supplementary Planning Documents) and the limited scope and flexibility of Supplementary Plans due to requirement for examination.

- **Data Centres:** Highlighting the absence of reference to data centres despite recent Government announcements.
- 8.3. The Government held a consultation on the [proposed geographies for Spatial Development Strategies \(SDS\)](#) between February and March. SDS are a new 'layer' of strategic plans introduced under the new plan-making system. The consultation proposes that Hertfordshire is the most appropriate boundary for the SDS for the area, as opposed to any alternate or larger geography. Hertfordshire Growth Board have responded on behalf of authorities in the area supporting this proposal. Hertfordshire County Council (HCC) would (pending Local Government Reorganisation) be responsible for preparing the SDS. Further information on the timetable and scope for the SDS is expected to be put forward by HCC later in the year.
 - 8.4. On 6 March, the Government laid the [regulations for the new plan-making system](#). These came into effect on 25 March and replaced the 2012 regulations. The new regulations set out the requirements for Local Plans to be prepared within a 30-month period, with prescribed stages that must be followed in a certain order, statutory consultation periods at specific points, and a defined list of bodies that must be consulted. The implications for the review of our Local Plan are set out below.
 - 8.5. Further consultations were released at the end of March in relation to the [proposed National Scheme of Delegation](#) for planning committees and [increases in planning application fees](#). A new [Direction has also been issued by the Secretary of State](#). This requires local authorities to refer any housing schemes for 150 homes or more and which they intend to refuse planning permission. This will enable Ministers to decide whether to call in that application.
 - 8.6. [Amendments to Part L of the Building Regulations](#) have been published. These implement the Future Homes and Buildings Standards. These will come into effect in March 2027 for most new builds and will ensure new homes will become zero carbon in use as the electricity grid decarbonises.

North Herts Local Plan

- 8.7. Following the new plan-making system coming into effect on 25 March 2026, the Council's formal Notice of its intention to review the Local Plan and publish a revised timetable based on the new regulations will be submitted in mid to late April. Once published, these will be found here:
[Local Plan Update | North Herts Council](#)
- 8.8. The 20 January Cabinet Report gave delegated powers to submit a Notice of the Council's intention to review the Local Plan and publish a timetable subject to revised timings based on the date the regulations came into force.
- 8.9. Following publication of the regulations, the proposed local plan timetable has been reviewed to ensure that key milestones align with (for example) planned committee cycles, appropriate windows for public consultation exercises and the anticipated programme for Local Government Reform (LGR). This timetable has been discussed with, and supported by, the informal cross-party Project Board.

- 8.10. Internal legal advice has confirmed that neither the publication of the timetable, in accordance with the existing delegated authority, nor the initial 'scoping' phase and public engagement require any further, formal decisions. The proposed Content and Evidence consultation will be presented to Cabinet later in 2026.
- 8.11. In this context, it is planned that the Council Notice and revised timetable will be published on Monday 20th April 2026 with the mandatory [at least] 4 month notice period ending on 12th October 2026. Other key dates include:
- Scoping Consultation: 11 May – 22 June 2026 (6 weeks)
 - Gateway 1 assessment: October 2026
 - Content and Evidence Document consultation: 13 October – 24 November 2026 (6 weeks)
 - Gateway 2 assessment: April – May 2027 (TBC)
 - Draft Local Plan consultation: 26 October 2027 – 4 January 2027. (Subject to confirmed dates for Full Council meetings and any oversight and timings of a shadow authority committee)
 - Gateway 3 assessment: April – May 2028
 - Examination: June – November 2028
 - Adoption: December 2028
- 8.12. It is anticipated that the scoping consultation will consist of the following:
- Narrative setting out why the Local Plan is being revised and the implications for Local Government Reorganisation
 - A section on how people want to be involved in the Local Plan as it progresses
 - Developing a Strategic Vision for the District
 - Key issues that should be included in the Local Plan
- 8.13. A list of the evidence base to support the preparation of the Local Plan, with expected dates of publication, will also be published on the website.
- 8.14. The timetable is required to be kept up to date every month. The 30 month plan preparation will begin on 13th October 2026 with the Local Plan required to be adopted by 13th April 2029.
- 8.15. Further Government guidance and templates are expected for the timetable and initial consultation phases. Any updates to the above will be provided as an addendum to this report or reported verbally at the meeting.

Proposed Expansion of Luton Airport

- 8.16. As previously reported, the Secretary of State for Transport approved Luton Rising's Development Consent Order (DCO) application for the expansion of London Luton Airport in April 2025.
- 8.17. A judicial review was brought by The Luton And District Association for the Control of Aircraft Noise (LADACAN) with the High Court ruling in favour of the SoS's (Secretary of State) decision to permit the Luton Rising's DCO application for the expansion of London Luton Airport in November 2025.
- 8.18. LADACAN have been granted a hearing at the Court of Appeal to be heard in May 2026 where they will seek to overturn this judgement.
- 8.19. Subject to the outcome of these legal proceedings, Luton Rising are seeking to progress with implementation of the DCO later in 2026. Early considerations will include the proposed replacement Country Park that will be located within North Herts along with establishing the monitoring and review groups required by the consent.

Strategic Sites

- 8.20. The Strategic Planning Project Board continues to meet regularly. The status of work on the six, largest Strategic Sites in the Local Plan is summarised below:

Policy SP14: North of Baldock	<p>The masterplan for this site was adopted as a material consideration for any future planning applications by Full Council in June 2025.</p> <p>An outline application was submitted in October 2025 (application reference 25/02571/OP) and remains under consideration. Additional information has been submitted and public consultation on this is underway.</p>
SP15: North of Letchworth	<p>The masterplan for this site was adopted as a material consideration for any future planning applications by Full Council in July 2024.</p> <p>The applicant is currently in the process of procuring a development partner.</p>
SP16: North of Stevenage	<p>The masterplan for this site was adopted as a material consideration for any future planning applications by Full Council in November 2024.</p> <p>Members resolved to approve the outline planning application (23/01935/OP) in March 2025 subject to completion of the s106 agreement. This legal agreement is being prepared.</p>

<p>SP17: Highover Farm, Hitchin</p>	<p>Outline planning permission for this site was granted in November 2024 on completion of the s106 legal agreement following a resolution to grant permission by the Planning Committee in October 2023.</p> <p>Reserved matters for infrastructure have been approved following committee resolution in October 2025 alongside a number of conditions including a Design Code for the site.</p> <p>The application for the first phases of new homes was received in November 2025 (25/02794/RM) and is due to be presented to Planning Control Committee in April 2026.</p>
<p>SP18: North-east of Great Ashby</p>	<p>The masterplan for this site was adopted as a material consideration for any future planning applications by Full Council in November 2024.</p> <p>An outline application was submitted in January 2026 (25/03080/HYA) and remains under consideration.</p>
<p>SP19: East of Luton</p>	<p>The masterplan for this site was adopted as a material consideration for any future planning applications by Full Council in January 2025.</p> <p>Amendments to the two, separate outline planning applications were submitted November 2025 and are under consideration (Council application references 17/00830/1 and 16/02014/1). There are separate applications for the main access points into the sites (22/02904/FP, 22/02905/FP).</p>

- 8.21. Other masterplans for significant sites are being progressed through a variety of PPAs, pre-application discussions and current planning applications lodged with the Council ([Masterplans in current applications | North Herts Council \(north-herts.gov.uk\)](#)).

Other Local Authorities' Local Plans

- 8.22. We are neighboured by eight other Local Authorities who are all at differing stages of their Local Plans. We maintain regular contact with regard to the status of their Local Plans and input to consultations as appropriate. Details of the most recent positions of our neighbours is set out below.
- 8.23. The regulations under the new plan-making system still require authorities to collaborate on strategic issues. Whilst the legal duty has been removed, inspectors will still consider how authorities have collaborated as Local Plans are examined.

St. Albans City and District Council

- 8.24. St Albans consulted on their Regulation 18 between July – September 2023 and Regulation 19 between September and November 2024. Officers raised the following issues:
- whether the level of secondary school education was sufficient for the growth proposed around Harpenden, noting that residents in Kimpton and Blackmore End in North Herts currently rely on Secondary School provision in Harpenden;
 - whether additional bus provision was needed for site allocations north east of Harpenden
 - as well as ensuring the cumulative impacts associated Local Plan allocations, North Herts sites (east of Luton and Codicote) and the expansion of Luton Airport on traffic through the villages within the rural area east of the A1081, north of the A1057, west of the A1(M) and south of the A505.
- 8.25. The Council submitted the Local Plan for examination in November 2024. Stage 1 sessions were held in April and May 2025 with Stage 2 hearings held in October and November 25. North Herts did not appear at the hearing sessions. The inspector issued a post hearing letter in January 2026 which set out a number of modifications to enable the Plan to be found sound. These issues were consulted upon in March 2026 and relate to Green Belt Village designations, housing land supply and Gypsy and Traveller accommodation. St Albans Council expect the Local Plan to be adopted shortly. More details on the Local Plan can be found on [St Albans City and District Council's website](#).

Uttlesford District Council

- 8.26. Uttlesford's Local Plan was adopted on 25 March 2026. More details can be found on [Uttlesford District Council's website](#). Uttlesford shares only a short, common boundary at the east of the district near Nuthampstead. The Plan includes policies and requirements to ensure that any cumulative impacts of development in Uttlesford which might affect the District, notably on the A505 east of Royston, are appropriately considered.

Stevenage Borough Council

- 8.27. Stevenage Borough Council is undertaking a partial review of its Local Plan. The Council undertook the following consultations:
- Regulation 18: July – Aug 2024
 - Regulation 19: November 2024 – February 2025
 - Addendum (Regulation 19 to Pre-Submission): June – August 2025
- 8.28. The examination took place in December 2026. North Herts officers raised two main points:
- A full Local Plan review would have been more appropriate than a partial review, as it would have allowed a 15-year plan period rather than leaving only five years remaining, providing a more robust basis for housing delivery.

- Concerns were raised about the presentation of changes across the documents, which made them difficult to navigate, and about the lack of clarity regarding how and why more strategic issues were introduced at later stages.
- 8.29. Officers attended several hearing sessions during the examination. Following the hearings, the Inspector issued a post-hearing statement confirming that the Plan was capable of being found sound, subject to a number of modifications. None of these were in relation to points raised by North Herts. Further detail is provided within the [Inspector's post hearing note](#). Stevenage consulted on their main modifications between 18 February and 31 March 2026. North Herts officers did not submit a response as we had no further comments to make. More information is available on [Stevenage Borough Council's website](#).
- 8.30. Stevenage is also intending to undertake a full review of their Local Plan as part of the first wave of authorities in the new system. Officers are therefore working with Stevenage to identify opportunities for joint evidence-base work and to align policy approaches where possible in preparation for Local Government Reorganisation.

Luton Borough Council

- 8.31. Luton Borough Council had consulted on Regulation 18 Issues and Options consultation and call for sites between December 2024 and February 2025. The Council then undertook a further call for sites between May and June 2025. A further Regulation 18 consultation was planned for March/April 2026, however, the Council has since decided to prepare its Local Plan under the new plan-making system. Officers have met to discuss provisional programmes and opportunities to align evidence-base work under the new system. More details can be found on [Luton Borough Council's website](#).

Central Bedfordshire Council

- 8.32. Central Bedfordshire Local Plan was adopted in July 2021. A full review of the Local Plan started in November 2023. A Call for Sites exercise was carried out November 2024 to January 2025. Central Bedfordshire were intending on commencing as Regulation 18 consultation in early 2026, however, are now intending on preparing their Local Plan under the new system. It is expected they will publish an updated timetable in March/ April 2026. Officers have scheduled further duty to cooperate meetings to ensure alignment of strategic cross boundary issues as both Local Plans progress.

East Hertfordshire District Council

- 8.33. East Hertfordshire Local Plan was adopted in 2018. A full review of their Local Plan started in 2024 and included a call for sites and vision consultation. East Herts is now preparing the Local Plan under the new system and is intending to be part of the first wave of authorities in the new system alongside Stevenage and ourselves. Officers are therefore working with East Herts to identify opportunities for joint evidence-base work and to align policy approaches where possible in preparation for Local Government Reorganisation.

East Herts is intended on submitting its Notice of intention to review its Local Plan and a revised timetable in advance of the 30 June 2026 deadline.

- 8.34. More details can be found on [East Herts Council's website](#).

Welwyn Hatfield District Council

- 8.35. Welwyn Hatfield Local Plan was adopted in October 2023. A review of the Local Plan started in 2024 with two call for sites in spring and summer 2025. The Council have just completed a Regulation 18 consultation and a further call for sites which closed on 26 March 2026. The Council is intending of undertaking a Regulation 19 consultation in September 2026 with a view of submitting the draft Plan to the Secretary of State before the deadline of December 2026 to be considered under the current system rather than the new plan-making system. North Herts officers have submitted a response to the Regulation 18 consultation which welcomes Welwyn's commitment to meet its housing need and to align policy approaches where possible in preparation for Local Government Reorganisation. This is attached as Appendix C.
- 8.36. More details can be found on [Welwyn Hatfield District Council's website](#).

South Cambridgeshire District Council / Greater Cambridgeshire Shared Planning

- 8.37. The Council is preparing a joint Local Plan with Cambridge City Council under the Greater Cambridge Local Plan. The draft Plan (Regulation 19) was consulted on between December 2025 and January 2026. North Herts officers made two key comments:
- Identifying the long-term strategic potential of the Ashwell and Morden area, in line with national policy encouraging development around railway stations, and suggesting further joint exploration of whether it could help meet longer-term housing needs for both authorities.
 - Highlighting the significant deficit of outdoor sports facilities in and around Royston, and exploring whether the emerging Plan could support delivery of such facilities.
- 8.38. Greater Cambridge intends to consult on the draft Local Plan (Regulation 19) in summer 2026 and submit it to the Secretary of State by December 2026 to be examined under the current system. North Herts officers will continue to work with Greater Cambridge as the Plan progresses.
- 8.39. More details can be found on [Greater Cambridge Shared Planning's website](#).

Neighbourhood Plans

- 8.40. There are currently no Neighbourhoods Plans in preparation. Under planning reforms, local communities will be able to prepare 'Neighbourhood Priorities Statements' (NPS). These are a lighter-touch alternate to Neighbourhood Plans. The (potential) role of NPS will be explored with parish and town councils as part of the scoping consultation in the preparatory stages of the new Local Plan.

Other matters

North Herts Council's Draft Town Centres Strategy

- 8.41. The Town Centres Strategy was consulted on between 3 December 2025 and 30 January 2026. Residents, businesses, community groups and partner organisations on our Local Plan database were invited to participate in the consultation. Officers are currently undertaking an analysis of the consultation responses. It is expected that the final Town Centre Strategy will be presented to Cabinet for adoption in June / July 2026. A supporting Delivery Plan will be prepared during the autumn / winter 2026 in collaboration with the Economic Development team.

9. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 9.1. Under (Section 5, paragraph 5.7.18) of the Council's Constitution (the Terms of Reference for Cabinet), the Constitution states that Cabinet may exercise the Council's functions as Local Planning Authority and receive reports on strategic planning matters, applications for, approval/designation, consultation/referendums revocations (or recommend revocation) of neighbourhood plans and orders, (except to the extent that those functions are by law the responsibility of the Council or delegated to the Service Director: Place).
- 9.2. The preparation of statutory plans and supporting documents is guided by a range of acts and associated regulations including the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended, the PCPA) and the Localism Act 2011.
- 9.3. Under the Council's Constitution (14.6.10 (b) iv B) all functions relating to National Infrastructure Planning including co-ordination of the Council's response to any consultation, examination or other any other matter concerned with major infrastructure projects, is delegated to the Service Director Place.
- 9.4. New regulatory requirements have been issued for the preparation of local plans. This includes enacting various amendments to the PCPA. The planned annual review of the Council's Constitution in Summer 2026 will be used to ensure that relevant requirements and delegations align with the requirements and language of the new plan-making system.

10. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 10.1. The general costs of activities identified in this report - including the additional, temporary posts identified in Section 15 below - are met through existing revenue budgets, reserves or benefit from external funding or other arrangements to recover costs.
- 10.2. £20k has been set aside in the budget for any additional work associated with the London Luton Airport DCO application following the conclusion of the Examination from the SoS,(Secretary of State) and following the outcome of the Judicial Review and any ongoing work arising from a positive decision, such as implementing monitoring levels and the enforcement of the approved scheme.
- 10.4 A bid for MHCLG funding was submitting in January 2026 to support the preparation of Local Plan as part of the new plan making system. We have received confirmation that we will receive £108,474 by 31 March 2026. This will support staff capacity and evidence base preparation and augment the currently identified revenue budget for this corporate priority project. The funding is based on the commitment to publish a Notice to commence the Plan by 30 June 2026 and publish Gateway 1 assessment by 31 October 2026.

11. RISK IMPLICATIONS

- 11.1. Good Risk Management supports and enhances the decision-making process, increasing the likelihood of the Council meeting its objectives and enabling it to respond quickly and effectively to change. When taking decisions, risks and opportunities must be considered.
- 11.2. Delays to the publishing of regulations relating to Local Plans has meant the Local Plan timetable has needed to be revised to ensure compliance with the new regulations. While the Local Plan can still be prepared within the new 30-month timetable, it is unlikely that the Council will be able to submit the Plan for examination before Local Government Reorganisation (LGR) in March 2028. However, key decisions will be taken ahead of this.
- 11.3. As neighbouring authorities advance their own Local Plans, it is essential to maintain alignment on strategic matters, particularly with those authorities that may be integrated with us through Local Government Reorganisation (LGR). Officers continue to hold regular meetings with neighbouring authorities to support constructive and collaborative working relationships. This includes ongoing work through the NEC group, as well as preparatory work for the future Strategic Development Strategy (SDS) and its relationship with the Local Plan.
- 11.4. A substantial number of Government consultations affecting the planning system—both plan-making and decision-taking—have recently been issued, with more expected. Officers will continue to monitor these developments closely and assess their implications for ongoing and future work at North Herts.
- 11.5. Resourcing issues across the planning profession remain a concern. The inability to recruit or retain experienced officers poses a risk to delivering the required programme of work for the Local Plan.

12. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

- 12.1. In line with the Public Sector Equality Duty, public bodies must, in the exercise of their functions, give due regard to the need to eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation, to advance equality of opportunity and foster good relations between those who share a protected characteristic and those who do not.
- 12.2. There are not considered to be any direct equality issues arising from this report. Future individual schemes or considerations may well be subject to appropriate review to ensure they comply with latest equality legislative need. Any risks and opportunities identified will also be subject to assessment for impact on those that share a protected characteristic.

13. SOCIAL VALUE IMPLICATIONS

- 13.1. The Social Value Act and “go local” requirements do not apply to this report.

14. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

- 14.1. Several of the schemes noted at section 8 will have considerable impact on the environment as they come to fruition. Many of these will be subject to their own statutory requirements for environmental assessment such as Sustainability Appraisal or Environmental Impact Assessment. The need for further assessment, for example where there is no statutory requirement, is considered on a case-by-case basis.

15. HUMAN RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

- 15.1. No new implications arising directly from this report. Staffing and capacity within the planning service is monitored and managed on an on-going basis.
- 15.2. There are presently four vacancies in the Development Management service with recruitment ongoing. This includes fixed-term posts to provide additional capacity.
- 15.3. Two permanent posts within the Strategic Planning Service have been filled. There is currently a vacancy for a fixed term post which will be advertised shortly. The strategic planning manager post is currently filled on an interim basis and is expected to be advertised in the spring 2026. There is also an agency staff post to support the call for sites work.

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Appendices

Appendix A – NPPF 2026 – North Herts response

Appendix B – HIPP response to the NPPF

Appendix C – Welwyn and Hatfields Regulation 18 – North Herts response