

Annex 3.2a – Strategic Policy and Strategy Alignment Detail

The vision as set out in section 3.2 the Bid aligns with the following strategic policies in the **North Hertfordshire Local Plan 2011-2031 Proposed Submission (October 2017)**¹:

- **Policy SP1: Sustainable Development in North Hertfordshire** - which supports the principles of sustainable development within NHDC and sets out the strategic aims of the council,
- **Policy SP3 Employment** - where the Council will proactively encourage sustainable economic growth, support new and existing businesses which includes the town centres,
- **Policy SP4: Town and Local Centres** - where the Council will make provision for an appropriate range of retail facilities and service functions that protect the vitality and viability of its town centres,
- **Policy SP6: Sustainable Transport** - which seek to deliver accessibility improvements and promote the use of sustainable transport modes insofar as is reasonable and practicable,
- **Policy SP7: Infrastructure Requirements and Developer Contributions** - where the council will require development proposals to make provision for and contribute towards infrastructure that is necessary in order to accommodate additional demands resulting from development,
- **Policy SP8: Housing** – which sets out the Councils housing strategy including the release of sufficient land to deliver approximately 14000 new homes over the Plan period to meet North Hertfordshire’s own needs. This includes development on previously developed land and identifies Letchworth town centre as a broad location where residential development might occur.
- **Policy SP10: Healthy Communities** – where the Council will provide and maintain healthy, inclusive communities and will work with the NHS Trust, the CCGs and other relevant providers to ensure appropriate coverage of healthcare facilities across the District.

This also links with the following objectives and policies from the **HCC LTP4**² which include:

- Enhancing the quality and vitality of town centres;
- Making journeys and their impact safer and healthier; and
- Adoption of a transport user hierarchy, which gives priority to other sustainable modes of transport over the car.

And the following aims and objectives of the **NHDC Transport Strategy**³ which are to:

- Enable increases prosperity;
- Contribute to vibrant, attractive and sustainable places; and
- Support people to live safe, healthy and fulfilling lives, by Improving access opportunities, reducing carbon emissions and reducing demand for travel by encouraging sustainable travel as an alternative to the car.

1. North Hertfordshire Local Plan 2011-2031 Proposed Submission Draft (October 2017) - *Section 2: Spatial Strategy and Strategic Policies* on the NHDC website as Ref: LP1 <https://www.north-herts.gov.uk/planning/planning-policy/local-plan/local-plan-examination/examination-library>

2. The HCC LTP4 can be viewed at: <https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/recycling-waste-and-environment/planning-in-hertfordshire/transport-planning/local-transport-plan.aspx>

3. North Hertfordshire Transport Strategy can be viewed on the NHD website as Ref ED14 <https://www.north-herts.gov.uk/planning/planning-policy/local-plan/local-plan-examination/examination-documents>

