

# NORTH HERTFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

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Dear Sir / Madam,

## **Uttlesford District Council Local Plan – Regulation 18 Consultation**

Thank you for providing North Hertfordshire District Council with the opportunity to comment on the Uttlesford Regulation 18 Draft Local Plan Consultation Document.

The intention stated in the document to meet your objectively assessed need within your administrative area is supported and the strategy of distributing delivery across a number of different spatial approaches is understood.

As a neighbouring authority we have recently signed a Statement of Common Ground which confirms there are no strategic cross boundary issues as a result of the North Hertfordshire Submission Local Plan (2016).

The majority of the allocations in the emerging Uttlesford Local Plan are unlikely to have any significant impact on North Hertfordshire, however, there are likely to be strategic highways impacts, which warrant consideration in relation to the Duty to Cooperate.

In particular, the Uttlesford District Transport Study and the South Cambridgeshire Junction Assessments report identifies that there will be notable impacts on the A505 resulting from the proposed developments, including the proposed North Uttlesford Garden Community that lies to the east of our District.

Given proposed development in the Luton area, and in the towns of Hitchin, Letchworth, Baldock and Royston within North Hertfordshire up to 2031 and possibly beyond, it will be critical to ensure that full consideration is given to potential cumulative impacts on the highway network along the A505 corridor. We note that this is mirrored in the South Cambridgeshire Junction Assessments report at paragraph 9.2.15, which recommends that for the longer term a detailed A505 corridor study is undertaken.

As such, we would encourage further discussions under the Duty to Cooperate with the District Council, relevant neighbouring authorities including Hertfordshire County

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Council and other interested parties in the future to address the potential longer term impacts on the A505 corridor as the Plan progresses, and depending on the final strategy taken forward in the Proposed Submission Local Plan.

Please feel free to contact me to discuss any of the above comments in detail.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D Levett', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Cllr David Levett  
Executive Member for Planning and Enterprise