

East Herts District Plan Minor Changes Tables

Chapter 1: Introduction

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Chapter 1: Introduction				
MC/1/01	1.3.1	9	<p>The preparation of the District Plan has been informed by an extensive evidence base which is available to view on the Council's website at:</p> <p>www.eastherts.gov.uk/technicalstudies www.eastherts.gov.uk/evidencebase</p>	Council update to web link.
MC/1/02	<p>Policy INT1 III (a)</p> <p>Presumption in Favour of Sustainable Development</p>	11	<p>III. Where there are no policies relevant to the application or relevant policies are out of date at the time of making the decision then the Council will grant permission unless material considerations indicate otherwise taking into account whether:</p> <p>(a) Any adverse impacts of granting permission would significantly and demonstrably outweigh the benefits, when assessed against the policies in the National Planning Policy Framework taken as a whole; or</p> <p>(b) Specific policies in the National Planning Policy Framework indicate that development should be restricted.</p>	Correction identified by CPRE Hertfordshire (1050776)

Chapter 2: Vision and Strategic Objectives

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Chapter 2: Vision and Strategic Objectives				
MC/2/01	2.2.7	15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 sites of international nature conservation designations • 1 National Nature Reserve at Broxbourne-Hoddesdonpark Woods • 1 Local Nature Reserve at Waterford Heath • 14 15 Herts and Middlesex Wildlife Trust Reserves • 16 sites of Special Scientific Interest • 541 543 non-statutory Wildlife Sites • Several chalk streams which support special wildlife habitats and species • Over 40 45 Scheduled Monuments • Nearly 3,100 Listed Buildings • 42 Conservation Areas • 550 Areas of Archaeological Significance • 15 16 Registered Parks and Gardens of Special Historic Interest • 59 58 Locally Listed Historic Parks and Gardens 	<p>Council corrections and updates at the request of HCC - Ecology (782964) and Historic England (1049766).</p> <p>Council update based on 2017 Wildlife Sites Ratification Report</p>
MC/2/02	2.3.5	16	<p>Infrastructure and Services – It is important that the infrastructure and services needed to support new development are provided. This includes transport infrastructure, education and health provision, utilities such as water, wastewater and energy and improved broadband provision. The challenge is to ensure that these services and facilities are delivered alongside</p>	<p>Modification in response to issue raised by HCC - Public Health (1058613).</p>

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			growth.	
MC/2/03	East Herts In 2033	17	4. Working in partnership with other service providers, essential new and improved infrastructure to support the increased population of the District will have been delivered. Support will have been given to the retention of existing facilities and the provision of new facilities for health, leisure, recreation and cultural needs of the community. The health and wellbeing of the district's residents will have been improved, while health inequalities will have been addressed. New development will have supported improved sustainable travel, including initiatives contained in Hertfordshire's 2050 Transport Vision. Mitigating measures will have helped ameliorate congestion, particularly on the A414.	Modification in response to issue raised by HCC - Public Health (1058613).
MC/2/04	East Herts in 2033	17	5. The local economy in the District will have been supported, with provision having been made for the accommodation requirements of existing and new businesses, including agricultural businesses, rural crafts and skills. Important employment assets will have been retained. The emphasis will have been on sustainable economic development, of the right type and in the right place to meet employment needs both within the towns and in the rural areas.	Modification at the request of HCC - Ecology (782964).

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MC/2/05	East Herts in 2033 New point 8	18	<p>8. To improve the health and wellbeing of all East Herts' communities and to reduce health inequalities.</p> <p>8. 9. To reduce water consumption, increase biodiversity and protect and enhance the quality of existing environmental assets by, inter alia, creating new green spaces and networks of high quality green space for both recreation and wildlife.</p> <p>9. 10. To ensure that development occurs in parallel with provision of the necessary infrastructure, including enhancement and provision of green infrastructure.</p>	Modification in response to issue raised HCC -Public Health (1058613).

Chapter 3: The Development Strategy

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Chapter 3: The Development Strategy				
MC/3/01	3.2.3	24	The Council has worked closely with its housing market area partners (Harlow, Epping Forest and Uttlesford Councils) in order to prepare technical evidence that identifies a technical document known as the Strategic Housing Market Assessment (SHMA). The purpose of the SHMA is to identify an 'objective assessment of housing need' (NPPF paragraph 47) , taking into account population projections, affordable housing needs and jobs growth.	Council clarification.

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MC/3/02	3.2.6	25	It is important to note that the housing need figure for the District does not include the projected increase in the number of people within residential institutions. The A technical document known as the Strategic Housing Market Assessment (SHMA) identifies the projected growth in population aged 75 or over living in communal establishments in the District, as 529 persons, between 2011-2033. Therefore, in addition to the overall housing target, this Plan supports a gross increase of approximately 530 bed-spaces of C2 provision, primarily to help meet the accommodation needs of older people who need to live in an environment which provides residential or nursing care.	Council clarification.
MC/3/03	3.2.7	25	3.2.7 The Government released new household projections in July 2016. These figures show that, by 2033, the population of East Herts is likely to be greater than originally expected. Following the release of these figures, further work on the SHMA has shown that the level of housing need in the District has increased to around 19,500 new homes by 2033. While the Council is unable to identify sufficient sites to meet this higher target at present, the District Plan does take account of the upward trend in housing need, and therefore seeks to provide for more than 745 new homes per year.	Council proposed deletion as information is now out of date.
MC/3/04	Text box	25	The Evidence underpinning the objective assessment of housing	Council clarification and

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	following 3.2.7		need SHMA Economic Evidence is available to view on the Council's website at: www.eastherts.gov.uk/shma www.eastherts.gov.uk/evidencebase	update to web link.
MC/3/05	3.2.8	25	3.2.8 3.2.7	Updated paragraph number.
MC/3/06	Text box following 3.2.8	25	The SHMA Economic Evidence underpinning job requirements is available to view on the Council's website at: www.eastherts.gov.uk/shma www.eastherts.gov.uk/evidencebase	Council clarification and update to web link.
MC/3/07	3.2.9	26	3.2.9 3.2.8	Updated paragraph number.
MC/3/08	3.2.10	26	3.2.10 3.2.9	Updated paragraph number.
MC/3/09	3.2.11	26	3.2.11 3.2.10	Updated paragraph number.
MC/3/10	3.2.12	26	3.2.12 3.2.11	Updated paragraph number.

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MC/3/11	3.2.13	27	3.2.13 3.2.12	Updated paragraph number.
MC/3/12	3.2.14	27	3.2.14 3.2.13	Updated paragraph number.
MC/3/13	Text box following 3.2.14	27	The Retail and Town Centres Study Update (2013) is available to view on the Council's website at: www.eastherts.gov.uk/retailstudy2013 . www.eastherts.gov.uk/evidencebase	Council update to web link.
MC/3/14	3.2.15	27	3.2.15 3.2.14	Updated paragraph number.
MC/3/15	3.2.16	27	3.2.16 3.2.15	Updated paragraph number.
MC/3/16	3.2.17	27	3.2.17 3.2.16	Updated paragraph number.
MC/3/17	3.2.17 Footnote 2	27	As defined within Section 15.8 16.8 of Chapter 16: Retail and Town Centres.	Council correction.

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MC/3/18	3.3.10 (1.)	30	Completions and commitments are shown in the period 2011-2017, based on the most recently available monitoring data up to March 2016 .	Council clarification.
MC/3/19	3.3.14	31	3.3.14 The Council's positive approach to planning may also require it to use its compulsory purchase powers under section 226 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990. That power gives the Council a positive tool to help to assemble land where this is necessary to implement proposals in the District Plan or where strong planning justifications for the use of the power exist. For the circumstances in which those powers may be exercised, see the Department for Communities and Local Government's "Compulsory purchase process and the Crichel Down Rules: guidance" at: www.gov.uk	Updated paragraph number and Council clarification.
MC/3/20	3.3.15	31-32	3.3.15 3.3.14	Updated paragraph number.
MC/3/21	3.3.16	33	3.3.16 3.3.15	Updated paragraph number
MC/3/22	3.3.17	33	3.3.17 3.3.16	Updated paragraph number
MC/3/23	3.3.18	33	3.3.18 3.3.17	Updated paragraph number

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MC/3/24	3.3.19	33	3.3.19 3.3.18	Updated paragraph number
MC/3/25	3.3.20	33	3.3.20 3.3.19	Updated paragraph number
MC/3/26	Text box following 3.3.20	34	The Infrastructure Delivery Plan can be viewed on the Council's website at: www.eastherts.gov.uk/idp www.eastherts.gov.uk/evidencebase	Council update to web link.
MC/3/27	3.3.21	34	3.3.21 3.3.20	Updated paragraph number
MC/3/28	3.3.22	35	3.3.22 3.3.21	Updated paragraph number
MC/3/29	3.5	35	3.5 3.4 Neighbourhood Planning	Updated section number.
MC/3/30	3.5.1	35	3.5.1 3.4.1	Updated paragraph number.
MC/3/31	3.5.2	35	3.5.2 3.4.2	Updated paragraph number.

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MC/3/32	Text box following 3.5.2	36	Further information on Neighbourhood Planning can be found on the Council's website at: www.eastherts.gov.uk/neighbourhoodplanning	Council correction.
MC/3/33	3.5.3	36	3.5.3 3.4.3	Updated paragraph number.
MC/3/34	3.5.4	36	3.5.4 3.4.4	Updated paragraph number.
MC/3/35	3.5.5	36	3.5.5 3.4.5	Updated paragraph number.
MC/3/36	3.5.6	36	3.5.6 3.4.6	Updated paragraph number.
MC/3/37	3.5.7	36	3.5.7 3.4.7	Updated paragraph number.
MC/3/38	Policy DPS6 Neighbourhood Planning	36	Policy DPS6 DPS5 Neighbourhood Planning	Updated policy number.

Chapter 4: Green Belt and Rural Area Beyond the Green Belt

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Chapter 4: Green Belt and Rural Area Beyond the Green Belt				
MC/4/01	4.1.2	38	The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF, paragraph 80) sets out the five main purposes of the Green Belt:	Modification in response to issue raised by Inspector at Examination Hearings.
MC/4/02	4.3.1	38	The NPPF states that Green Belt boundaries can only be amended in exceptional circumstances, through the preparation or review of a Local Plan (paragraph 83). There is no definition in the NPPF of what constitutes exceptional circumstances, as this will vary for each locality.	Modification in response to issue raised by Inspector at Examination Hearings.
MC/4/03	4.4.2	39	There are however some uses that are appropriate in the Green Belt and these are listed in paragraphs 89 and 90 of the NPPF.	Modification in response to issue raised by Inspector at Examination Hearings.
MC/04/04	GBR2 I. (d)	41	Criterion (d) deleted – consequential renumbering of criterion (e) to (i)	Modification in response to issue raised by Inspector in Matters and Issues, Part 2

Chapter 5: Bishop's Stortford

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Chapter 5: Bishop's Stortford				
MC/5/01	5.1.4	44	5.1.4 5.1.5 Education: the educational needs of the town will be achieved at primary level via the expansion of existing facilities at Thorley Hill Primary School, together with the provision of up to three new primary schools at Bishop's Stortford North (BISH3) and one new primary school in Bishop's Stortford South (BISH5). One new secondary school will be provided at Bishop's Stortford North (BISH3) and one at Bishop's Stortford South (BISH5).	Modification in response to issue raised by Inspector at Part 2 Hearing Sessions. Renumbering following addition of new paragraph 5.1.4.
MC/5/02	5.1.5	44	5.1.5 5.1.6 Transport: measures introduced within new development will encourage the use of sustainable travel, particularly through the enhancement of walking and cycling links and through the provision of new bus routes linking new sites to the town centre and beyond. The impact of development on the local road network will be mitigated through upgrades to existing junctions, while improvements to Junction 8 on the M11, and the provision of a new Junction 7a on the M11 which will reduce pressure on the A120 and A1184. The Bishop's Stortford Town Centre Planning Framework will sets out initiatives to tackle traffic congestion in and around the town.	Renumbering following addition of new paragraph 5.1.4 and Council clarification to reflect latest status of the Town Centre Planning Framework.
MC/5/03	5.1.6	44	5.1.6 5.1.7 Economic Development: the proximity of Bishop's Stortford to the M11 and Stansted Airport makes it an attractive	Modification in response to issue raised by

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			<p>place for businesses and new employment opportunities in the town will be provided by a new business park at Bishop's Stortford South. As the District's Principal Town Centre, there is a stronger retail offer than other centres in the District, and has good prospects for expansion. Development at the Causeway/Old River Lane (BISH8) will potentially increase the retail and leisure offer of the town and strengthen links across the river to the railway station to encompass the Goods Yard (BISH7) and, in the long-term, possibly also the Mill Site (BISH10). An attractive pedestrian circuit from the station through the town centre will enhance the vitality and viability of the town centre as a retail and leisure destination.</p>	<p>Inspector at Part 2 Hearing Sessions.</p> <p>Renumbering following addition of new paragraph 5.1.4 and Council clarification to site name.</p>
MC/5/04	5.1.7	45	<p>5.1.7 5.1.8 Character: Bishop's Stortford will preserve its market town character and the quality of the town's historic core will be respected in development proposals. The provision of a new Country Park at Hoggate's Wood and Ash Grove will extend the pattern of Green Wedges which frame the urban area. The A120 and A1184 will continue to provide a boundary to development and retain the town's compact character. Long views to historic features, such as church spires, will be preserved through the layout of new streets. Development of the Goods Yard (and possibly in the long-term, the Mill Site) and other development sites which may come forward, will enhance the River Stort corridor, creating public spaces along the river. The urban</p>	<p>Renumbering following addition of new paragraph 5.1.4.</p>

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			extension at Bishop's Stortford South will provide an attractive new gateway to the town. Masterplans produced in collaboration with the local community will promote high quality design.	Replaced by additional text in paragraph 5.1.4.
MC/5/05	5.2.1 & 5.2.2	45	<p>5.2.1 There are two neighbourhood plans covering this area. The Bishop's Stortford Silverleys and Meads Neighbourhood Plan was 'made' adopted in July 2015, the first in East Herts. The Bishop's Stortford Neighbourhood Plan for All Saints, Central, South and part of Thorley was 'made' in October 2017. This These Plans forms part of the development plan and, therefore, proposals within the Neighbourhood Plan Areas must also accord with their provisions. of the Bishop's Stortford Silverleys and Meads Neighbourhood Plan.</p> <p>5.2.2 The Bishop's Stortford Neighbourhood Plan for All Saints, Central, South and part of Thorley has been submitted to East Herts Council. Consultation on the Plan is expected to commence in late September/early October 2016. The Plan is expected to reach examination in late 2016 and a referendum in early 2017. Once adopted, this Plan will also form part of the development plan and therefore proposals within the Neighbourhood Plan Area must also accord with the Bishop's Stortford Neighbourhood Plan for All Saints, Central, South and part of Thorley.</p>	Council modification to reflect the fact that the second Neighbourhood Plan has been 'made'; and for clarity.

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MC/5/06	5.3.5	47	The Council is in the process of preparing has prepared a Bishop's Stortford Town Centre Planning Framework which will guide future development in the town centre and provide a comprehensive approach to managing the impact and potential of growth on the town centre. It is anticipated that the The Framework will sets out a number of strategies to increase the floorspace of the retail core of the town, and to address issues associated with parking, pedestrian accessibility, traffic calming, and traffic flows.	Council clarification to reflect latest status of the Town Centre Planning Framework.
MC/5/07	Text box following 5.3.5	47	The Bishop's Stortford Town Centre Planning Framework will be is available to view at: www.eastherts.gov.uk/bsplanningframework www.eastherts.gov.uk/evidencebase	Council correction and update to web link.
MC/5/08	5.3.6	47	To ensure the aims of the Bishop's Stortford Town Centre Planning Framework can be met, where development is proposed in town centre locations in Bishop's Stortford, Policy BISH244 will apply.	To reflect the correct policy number.
MC/5/09	5.3.10	48	The site as a whole will comprise a mix of house types, including provision for specialist and accessible homes, starter homes and self-build properties. The site will provide two neighbourhood centres to accommodate day-to-day retail, service and	Council change to reflect the extant planning permission on this part of the site.

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			community facility needs, employment areas, up to two primary schools and a secondary school of at least six forms of entry. If the secondary school is constructed on this site, the resulting housing number will be reduced. In addition, the site will provide enhanced walking and cycling links, green infrastructure and open spaces along with new and enhanced bus routes. Development in this location will offer benefits for the wider community by providing new sports pitches and funding off-site infrastructure where necessary, such as additional burial space, upgrades to sewage networks, support of the Rhodes Centre and museum for example.	
MC/5/10	BISH3 III	50	III. In order to ensure that the site is planned and delivered comprehensively, any application for development on part of the site will be assessed against its contribution to the masterplan Masterplan , and will not prejudice the implementation of the site as a whole.	Council correction.
MC/5/11	BISH3 V. (d)	51	d) Self-Build and Custom Build Housing in accordance with Policy HOU8 (Self-Build and Custom Build Housing);	To ensure consistency across the Plan.
MC/5/12	Section Title	52	Reserve Secondary School Site, Land South of Hadham Road (Policy BISH4)	Council update.
MC/5/13	Figure 5.3	53	Figure 5.3 Site Location: Reserve Secondary School Site, Land South of Hadham Road	Council update.

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MC/5/14	5.3.14	54	A collaborative approach to masterplanning which forms the basis of a Supplementary Planning Document is considered to be essential to the preparation of this site to guide development in the short and longer term.	Clarification at the request of Countryside Properties (1053284).
MC/5/15	BISH5 III. (d)	56	(d) Self-Build and Custom Build Housing in accordance with Policy HOU8 (Self-Build and Custom Build Housing);	To ensure consistency across the Plan.
MC/5/16	Figure 5.5	58	Figure 5.5 Site Location: The Bishop's Stortford High School Site, London Road	Council correction.
MC/5/17	BISH7 II. (c)		(c) Self-Build and Custom Build Housing in accordance with Policy HOU8 (Self-Build and Custom Build Housing);	To ensure consistency across the Plan.
MC/5/18	Section title	62	The Causeway/Old River Lane (Policy BISH8)	Council change to reflect how the site is now known.
MC/5/19	BISH8		Policy BISH8: The Causeway/Old River Lane	Council change to reflect how the site is now known.
MC/5/20	5.3.20	66	The Mill Site occupies a strategic location between the railway station and the town centre and fronting the River Stort. While acknowledging that not all properties on the site are associated with or in mill usage, for ease of location, the site is collectively known as the Mill Site. In the long term, the opportunities for	Council change to reflect that the Development Brief is no longer up to date and has been superseded by the

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			<p>sensitive mixed-used development are significant, as set out in the Mill Site Development Brief (2011). However, at At present there is no indication that the Mill owners are seeking to relocate to an alternative site. Therefore, Policy BISH10 (The Mill Site) covers two eventualities; if the current occupants of the Mill wish to relocate at some point during the plan period; and if the remaining non-mill land within the site comes forward for development. Proposals for development on this and the adjoining landholding should reflect a comprehensive approach to the whole site.</p>	<p>Bishop's Stortford Town Centre Planning Framework.</p>

Chapter 6: Buntingford

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Chapter 6: Buntingford				
MC/6/01	6.1.12	75	<p>Transport: as part of development proposals for the town, bus services will be enhanced to support travel around the town and to provide links to neighbouring towns. Financial contributions towards the implementation of a Community Transport project have been secured from some of the approved development schemes in the town which will, once established, provide a</p>	<p>Clarification at the request of Buntingford Town Council (465125).</p>

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			valuable service to the residents of the town and neighbouring villages. New developments will encourage the use of sustainable travel modes through the enhancement of walking and cycling links around the town. The impact of development on the local road network will be mitigated through upgrades to existing junctions, including widening of the exit links at the A10/London Road roundabout.	
MC/6/02	6.2		6.2.6.3 Development in Buntingford	Renumbering following inclusion of new Section 6.2.
MC/6/03	6.2.1	76	6.2.1 6.3.1	Renumbering following inclusion of new Section 6.2.
MC/6/04	6.2.2	77	6.2.2 6.3.2	Renumbering following inclusion of new Section 6.2.
MC/6/05	6.2.3	77	6.2.3 6.3.2	Renumbering following inclusion of new Section 6.2.
MC/6/06	6.2.4	77	6.2.4 6.3.4 Hertfordshire County Council, as Local Education Authority, is responsible for the planning of school places in the District, and have has identified that a new 2 form of entry (2FE)	Renumbering following inclusion of new Section 6.2; and typographical

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			First School is required in Buntingford.	correction.
MC/6/11	6.3	79	6.3 6.4 Employment in Buntingford	Renumbering following inclusion of new Section 6.2.
MC/6/12	6.3.1	79	6.3.1 6.4.1	Renumbering following inclusion of new Section 6.2.
MC/6/13	6.3.2	79	6.3.2 6.4.2	Renumbering following inclusion of new Section 6.2.
MC/6/14	6.3.3	79	6.3.3 6.4.3	Renumbering following inclusion of new Section 6.2.
MC/6/15	6.4	80	6.4 6.5 Retail in Buntingford	Renumbering following inclusion of new Section 6.2.
MC/6/16	6.4.1	80	6.4.1 6.5.1	Renumbering following inclusion of new Section 6.2.

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MC/6/17	6.5	80	6.5 6.6 Leisure and Community Facilities in Buntingford	Renumbering following inclusion of new Section 6.2.
MC/6/18	6.5.1	80	6.5.1 6.6.1	Renumbering following inclusion of new Section 6.2.
MC/6/19	6.5.2	80	6.5.2 6.6.2	Renumbering following inclusion of new Section 6.2.

Chapter 7: Hertford

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MC/7/01	7.1.8	83	7.1.8 7.1.9	Consequential paragraph renumbering.
MC/7/02	7.1.9	83	7.1.9 7.1.10	Consequential paragraph renumbering.

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MC/7/03	7.1.10	83	7.1.10 7.1.11	Consequential paragraph renumbering.
MC/7/04	7.1.11	83	7.1.11 7.1.12	Consequential paragraph renumbering.
MC/7/05	7.1.12	83	7.1.12 7.1.13	Consequential paragraph renumbering.
MC/7/06	Text box following 7.2.6	85	The Mead Lane Urban Design Framework is available to view at: www.eastherts.gov.uk/hertfordmeadlane www.eastherts.gov.uk/evidencebase	Council update to web link.
MC/7/07	HERT2 Mead Lane Area II.	86	¶ II. Subject to, and in accordance with, the provisions of the Mead Lane Urban Design Framework, December 2014, the development is expected to address the following provisions and issues:	Consequential renumbering.
MC/7/08	HERT2 Mead Lane Area III.	86 & 87	Additional criterion (d) & (n) inserted in policy. Consequential renumbering of criterion (d) to (n).	Consequential renumbering of criterion.
MC/7/09	HERT3 West of Hertford II.	89	¶ III. The development of at least 300 dwellings to the north of Welwyn Road is expected to address the following provisions and issues:	Consequential renumbering.
MC/7/10	HERT3 West of	90	c) Self-Build and Custom Build Housing in accordance with Policy	Council modification to

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	Hertford III (c)		HOU8 (Self-Build and Custom Build Housing);	update cross-referencing to Policy HOU8
MC/7/11	HERT3 West of Hertford	91	III IV. The development of at least 250 homes to the south of Welwyn Road/west of Thieves Lane is expected to address the following provisions and issues:	Consequential renumbering.
MC/7/12	HERT3 West of Hertford IV (c)	91	c) Self-Build and Custom Build Housing in accordance with Policy HOU8 (Self-Build and Custom Build Housing);	Council modification to update cross-referencing to Policy HOU8
MC/7/13	HERT4 North of Hertford II.	93	II III. The development is expected to address the following provisions and issues:	Consequential renumbering.
MC/7/14	7.2.11	95	7.2.11 7.2.10	Consequential renumbering.
MC/7/15	7.2.12	95	7.2.12 7.2.11	Consequential renumbering.
MC/7/16	HERT5 South of Hertford II.	96	II III. The development is expected to address the following provisions and issues:	Consequential renumbering.
MC/7/17	HERT5 South of Hertford	97	(m) (k) the delivery of all other necessary on-site and appropriate off-site infrastructure; and (n) (l) other policy provisions of the District Plan and relevant	Council correction.

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			matters, as appropriate.	
MC/7/18	Text box following 7.4.5	99	The Hertford Town Centre Urban Design Strategy is available to view at: www.eastherts.gov.uk/HertfordTCUDS www.eastherts.gov.uk/evidencebase	Council update to web link.

Chapter 8: Sawbridgeworth

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MC/8/01	SAWB2 Land to the North of West Road II.	105	III. The development is expected to address the following provisions and issues:	Consequential renumbering.
MC/8/02	SAWB3 Land to the South of West Road II.	107	III. The development is expected to address the following provisions and issues:	Consequential renumbering.
MC/8/03	SAWB3 Land to the South of West Road III.	108	Deletion of criteria (i). Consequential renumbering of criterion (j) to (n).	Consequential renumbering.

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MC/8/04	SAWB4 Land to the North of Sawbridgeworth II.	109	III. The development is expected to address the following provisions and issues:	Consequential renumbering.
MC/8/05	SAWB4 Land to the North of Sawbridgeworth III. (c)	109	c) Self-Build and Custom Build Housing in accordance with Policy HOU8 (Self-Build and Custom Build Housing);	Council modification to update cross-referencing to Policy HOU8
MC/8/06	8.5.2	111	8.5.2 8.5.1	Consequential renumbering.

Chapter 9: Ware

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Chapter 9: Ware				
MC/9/01	9.1.2	114	In the past, the river has underpinned the town's economic function, but is now more widely used as a leisure resource. Ware also benefits from other excellent sporting and leisure facilities including, but not limited to: Wodson Park sports centre;	Request of Ware Arts Centre (1047958) to incorporate this facility into text.

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			Fanshawe Pool and Gym; Ware Lido; Place House; Ware Arts Centre and Fletcher's Lea at The Priory. The Lee Valley Regional Park, which bounds the south of the town, along with other woodland and countryside access opportunities are also available to Ware's residents and visitors.	
MC/9/02	9.1.8	115	Housing: additional homes will be provided, the majority to the North and East of Ware (WARE2), which will consist of a mix of dwelling types and sizes that will have been constructed in appropriate locations to ensure that Ware's population is able to access a balanced housing market catering for all life stages. The provision of affordable housing as part of any new residential or mixed use development scheme/s will allow emerging households to be able to remain living in Ware in accommodation suited to their needs. The site will also provide for the accommodation needs of Travelling Showpeople and make provision for self-build and/or custom-build opportunities.	Modification in response to issue raised by Inspector at Part 2 Hearing Sessions.
MC/9/03	9.1.9	115	Design: a collaboratively prepared Masterplan for the development of the North and East of Ware (WARE2) will form an important part of the delivery of the site allocation. This Masterplan, incorporating Garden City design principles, will provide a strong framework for the development, which will also embody the use of design codes. This will ensure the highest	Modification in response to issue raised by Inspector at Part 2 Hearing Sessions.

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			quality design and layout of the area and provide a comprehensive and unified approach to the whole development, whilst reflecting different character areas across the site. The Masterplan will accord with the provisions of Policy DES1 Masterplanning.	
MC/9/04	9.1.10	115	Education: the educational needs of the town will be achieved at primary level via the provision of one or more new schools commensurate with the level of development delivered to the North and East of Ware (WARE2), and, potentially, by the expansion of existing facilities. Secondary educational provision will be enhanced via the expansion of one or more of the existing schools in the Hertford and Ware Schools Planning Area and via the construction of a new school (which could potentially be an all-through facility) of at least six forms of entry to the North and East of the town. Hertford Regional College will continue to provide further educational opportunities for students from both Ware and wider locales.	Modification in response to issue raised by Inspector at Part 2 Hearing Sessions.
MC/9/05	9.1.11	115	Community Facilities: in addition to the continuation of existing facilities, new homes to the North and East of Ware (WARE2) will be supported by a range of community facilities which will be located around a neighbourhood centre.	Modification in response to issue raised by Inspector at Part 2 Hearing Sessions.
MC/9/06	9.1.12	115	Transport: as part of development to the North and East of Ware	Modification in response

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			(WARE2), bus services will be improved so that they support travel between residential areas and the town centre and its railway station. Pedestrian and cycle links, routes and facilities will be improved and extended. In addition to supporting improved sustainable travel, a new link road between the A10/A1170 junction and the Widbury Hill area will be constructed to minimise local trips, help relieve the town centre of extraneous traffic, and assist in alleviating congestion.	to issue raised by Inspector at Part 2 Hearing Sessions.
MC/9/07	9.1.13	116	Waste Water and other Infrastructure: as part of development to the North and East of Ware (WARE2), waste water will drain to Rye Meads Waste Water Treatment Works, and new waste water services will be created as part of the development to ensure that the efficiency of the network is maintained and there are no adverse effects on surrounding watercourses. A new sewer will also be required to serve this area of the town and link into the existing network to the east of Ware.	Modification in response to issue raised by Inspector at Part 2 Hearing Sessions.
MC/9/08	9.1.14	116	Retail and Employment: as a Minor Town Centre, Ware's retail offer in the central core will be maintained and strengthened, as suitable opportunities arise, to serve both the town's residents and its hinterland settlements. As part of development to the North and East of the town (WARE2), the town centre's retail offer will be enhanced by the provision of additional retail facilities	Modification in response to issue raised by Inspector at Part 2 Hearing Sessions.

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			within a new neighbourhood centre as part of comprehensive development in that location. Such provision should be appropriate to support the local development without prejudicing the existing retail offer in the town centre.	
MC/9/09	9.1.15	116	Existing employment sites in Ware will be retained and, where appropriate, modernised. These will be supplemented via the creation of a new employment site of around 3ha as part of development to the North and East of Ware (WARE2), which should be located close to the new neighbourhood centre.	Modification in response to issue raised by Inspector at Part 2 Hearing Sessions.
MC/9/10	9.1.16	116	Leisure: Ware's leisure facilities will be supplemented by the provision of additional indoor and outdoor sports facilities (which may be shared use) and other informal leisure provision as part of the development of the area to the North and East of Ware (WARE2). Green corridors will feature as part of this provision, which will also act to mitigate the environmental impact of development in this location.	Modification in response to issue raised by Inspector at Part 2 Hearing Sessions.
MC/9/11	9.1.17	116	Open Spaces: open spaces will be provided as part of the development to the North and East of Ware (WARE2) which provide multi-functional drainage solutions in addition to space for recreation, creating connections to green infrastructure corridors, including the Ash and Lea Valleys. Formal open spaces will form part of the development and provision for playing	Modification in response to issue raised by Inspector at Part 2 Hearing Sessions.

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			pitches and play spaces. Areas of ecological importance will be protected and enhanced through appropriate buffer planting and an appropriate land management strategy.	
MC/9/12	9.1.18	116	Heritage: important heritage assets, both within the existing town and in the vicinity of the allocation to the North and East of Ware (WARE2) will continue to be protected. Furthermore, such heritage assets will be respected as part of development proposals and, where appropriate, adequate mitigation employed, which will also include maintaining open or landscaped areas where necessary. Land uses should contribute towards maintaining or enhancing existing buffers, and providing new green infrastructure, as appropriate.	Modification in response to issue raised by Inspector at Part 2 Hearing Sessions.
MC/9/13	9.1.19	117	Character: Ware's unique market town character and the heritage qualities of the town's historic core will be maintained. In new developments a sense of place will be respected and allow for successful integration with existing assets of character in the area. Ware's green infrastructure, including its open spaces and river corridors, will be maintained and will continue to contribute to the town's unique character. Further green space provision will be made as part of development to the North and East of the town (WARE2). Where development involves river frontages, this will ensure the provision of an enhanced setting and, where	Modification in response to issue raised by Inspector at Part 2 Hearing Sessions.

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			possible, improve public access. The Lee Valley Regional Park will continue to provide a valuable resource to enhance the area.	
MC/9/14	9.1.20	116	Minerals: for development to the North and East of Ware (WARE2), and to conform with the requirements of national policy and the Hertfordshire Minerals Local Plan which aim to prevent the unnecessary sterilisation of mineral resources, where underlying mineral deposits of sufficient depth and quality are identified, prior extraction will be required in advance of the commencement of development and, where possible, should be used locally in the construction phase. Detailed phasing and the approach to land remediation and subsequent development will be set out in the Masterplan.	Modification in response to issue raised by Inspector at Part 2 Hearing Sessions.
MC/9/15	WARE2 Land North and East of Ware V (c)	120	(c) Self-Build and Custom Build Housing in accordance with Policy HOU8 (Self-Build and Custom Build Housing);	Council modification to update cross-referencing to Policy HOU8.
MC/9/16	WARE3 Employment in Ware	122	<p>I. In accordance with Policy ED1 (Employment), the following locations are designated as Employment Areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Broadmeads; b) Crane Mead; c) Ermine Point/Gentlemen's Field*; d) Marsh Lane; e) Park Road/Harris's Lane; 	Council modification for consistency.

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			<p>f) Star Street.</p> <p>II. Development to the North and East of Ware will further deliver a new employment site of around 3ha in conjunction with provision of residential and other uses. The precise location of the new Employment Area will be brought forward through the masterplanning process, as detailed set out in Policy WARE2.</p>	

Chapter 10: Villages

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Chapter 10: Villages				
MC/10/01	Text box following 10.1.6	126	<p>Further information regarding the village classification process can be found in The Final Village Hierarchy Study, August 2016. This can be viewed at:</p> <p>www.eastherts.gov.uk/villagehierarchystudy www.eastherts.gov.uk/evidencebase</p>	Council update to web link.
MC/10/02	Figure 10.1: Key Diagram for the	127	Figure 10.1 Key diagram for the villages	Addition of title for key diagram.

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	Villages			
MC/10/03	10.2	127	10.2 10.3 Development in the Villages	Renumbering following Chapter restructure.
MC/10/04	10.2.1	127	10.2.1 10.3.1	Renumbering following Chapter restructure.
MC/10/05	10.2.2		10.2.2 10.3.2	Renumbering following Chapter restructure.
MC/10/06	10.2.3		10.2.3 10.3.3	Renumbering following Chapter restructure.
MC/10/07	10.2.8	130	10.2.8 10.3.8 Group 2 Villages are generally smaller villages where limited infill development, together with small-scale employment, leisure, recreation and community facilities will be permitted. Infill This development should take place within the main built up area of the village development boundary as defined on the Policies Map.	Renumbering following Chapter restructure and clarification at the request of Datchworth Parish Council (1048045).
MC/10/08	10.2.9	130	10.2.9 10.3.9	Renumbering following Chapter restructure.
MC/10/09	10.2.10	131	10.2.10 10.3.10	Renumbering following Chapter restructure.

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MC/10/10	VILL2 Group 2 Villages	132	IV. V. All development should:	
MC/10/11	10.2.11	133	10.2.11 10.3.11	Renumbering following Chapter restructure.
MC/10/12	10.3.2	134	In addition, village development boundaries in Group 2 Villages located in the Rural Area Beyond the Green Belt may also be amended through the formulation of a Neighbourhood Plan to identify sites to accommodate small-scale development proposals.	Council clarification.
MC/10/13	10.3	133	10.3 10.4 Village Development Boundaries	Renumbering following Chapter restructure.
MC/10/14	10.3.1	133	10.3.1 10.4.1	Renumbering following Chapter restructure
MC/10/15	10.3.2	134	10.3.2 10.4.2	Renumbering following Chapter restructure
MC/10/16	10.3.3	134	10.3.3 10.4.3	Renumbering following Chapter restructure
MM/10/17	VILL5 Village Employment	135-136	Policy VILL5 VILL4 Village Employment Areas	Policy number updated following deletion of VILL4.

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Chapter 11: The Gilston Area

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Chapter 11: The Gilston Area				
MC/11/01	11.2	138	11.2 11.3 Development in the Gilston Area	Renumbering following addition of new section 11.2.
MC/11/02	11.2.1	138	11.2.1 11.3.1	Renumbering following addition of new section 11.2.
MC/11/03	11.2.2	138	11.2.2 11.3.2	Renumbering following addition of new section 11.2.
MC/11/04	11.2.3	138	11.2.3 11.3.3	Renumbering following addition of new section 11.2.
MC/11/05	11.2.4	138-139	11.2.4 11.3.4 Transport: a wide range of small and large scale interventions including sustainable transport measures, will be required if to ensure that development in the wider Harlow area, including the Gilston Area, is able to proceed without causing unacceptable congestion in Harlow and the surrounding towns	Renumbering following addition of new section 11.2 and Council clarification.

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			and villages, as well as the wider strategic transport network. These interventions include a new Junction 7a on the M11, upgrades to Junctions 7 & 8, a second River Stort crossing, widening of the existing crossing, and upgrades to the Amwell Roundabout. Sustainable transport measures will also be required including new bus services, connecting to Harlow and the wider area, as well as provision for walking and cycling.	
MC/11/06	11.2.5	139	11.2.5 11.3.5	Renumbering following addition of new section 11.2.
MC/11/07	11.2.6	139	11.2.6 11.3.6	Renumbering following addition of new section 11.2.
MC/11/08	11.2.7	139	11.2.7 11.3.7	Renumbering following addition of new section 11.2.
MC/11/09	11.2.8	139	11.2.8 11.3.8	Renumbering following addition of new section 11.2.
MC/11/10	11.2.9	139	11.2.9 11.3.9	Renumbering following addition of new section 11.2.
MC/11/11	11.2.10	140	11.2.10 11.3.10	Renumbering following addition of new section 11.2.
MC/11/12	11.2.11	140	11.2.11 11.3.11	Renumbering following addition of new section 11.2.

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MC/11/13	GA1 The Gilston Area	141-144	Self-Build and Custom Build Housing in accordance with Policy HOU8 (Self-Build and Custom Build Housing);	Council modification to update cross-referencing to Policy HOU8.
MC/11/14	11.3	144	11.3 11.4 The River Stort Crossings	Renumbering following addition of new section 11.2.
MC/11/15	11.3.1	144	11.3.1 11.4.1	Renumbering following addition of new section 11.2.
MC/11/16	11.3.2	144	11.3.2 11.4.2	Renumbering following addition of new section 11.2.
MC/11/17	11.3.3	144	11.3.3 11.4.3 In accordance with paragraph 90 of the NPPF the Council considers it appropriate for the crossings to be located across Green Belt land. The Council, Harlow Council, Hertfordshire County Council and Essex County Council are exploring the land ownership associated with delivering additional transport capacity and, if necessary, are able to use CPO powers to bring forward works needed to support the growth and regeneration of the area.	Renumbering following addition of new section 11.2. Modification in response to issue raised by Inspector at Examination Hearings.
MC/11/18	11.3.4	144	11.3.4 11.4.4	Renumbering following addition of new section 11.2.

Chapter 12: East of Stevenage

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Chapter 12: East of Stevenage				
MC/12/01	12.1.2	148	Land to the east of Stevenage was assessed through the Plan-making process for either a new settlement or a major urban extension, but was not identified as part of the Preferred Options District Plan. The 2014 consultation raised the issue of the potential of a smaller parcel of land coming forward for development. A detailed assessment of the potential for development in the area has been undertaken which is documented in the Settlement Appraisal accompanying the Plan.	Council change as justification is not necessary for inclusion in the final Plan.
MC/12/02	12.1.3	148	12.1.3 12.1.2	Consequential paragraph renumbering.
MC/12/02	12.1.4	148	12.1.4 12.1.3	Consequential paragraph renumbering.
MC/12/03	12.2.1	148	The main components of the development strategy for land to the east of Stevenage at Gresley Park are as follows subject to master planning are expected to consider the following:	Council change for consistency across the Plan.
MC/12/04	12.2.3	149	Education: the site will provide a two form entry primary school with Early Years Education facilities. This will meet the educational needs arising from the development as well as	Council change to reflect the position agreed with Stevenage Borough

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			providing additional capacity to address wider needs. Secondary education will be provided at the new school planned for the nearby former Barnwell East Secondary School site within the wider Stevenage Education Planning Area , towards which the development will contribute financially.	Council and Hertfordshire County Council.
MC/12/05	EOS1 East of Stevenage III (d)	152	Self-Build and Custom Build Housing in accordance with Policy HOU8 (Self-Build and Custom Build Housing);	Council modification to update cross-referencing to Policy HOU8.

Chapter 13: East of Welwyn Garden City

No minor changes currently available for chapter 13, as hearing session regarding this chapter has not been completed.

Chapter 14: Housing

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Chapter 14: Housing				
MC/14/01	14.2.1	166	The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) states in paragraph 47 that local planning authorities should use their	Modification in response to issue raised by

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			evidence base to ensure that their Local Plan meets the full, objectively assessed needs for market and affordable housing in the housing market area. Paragraph 50 states that local Local planning authorities should plan for a mix of housing, based on current and demographic trends, market trends and the needs of different groups in the community. It goes on to say that local planning authorities should identify the size, type, tenure and range of housing that is required in different locations.	Inspector at Examination Hearings.
MC/14/02	14.2.2	166	<p>Developers are encouraged to discuss with the Council the appropriate mix of house size, type and tenure within any new housing development at an early stage in the pre-application process. Requirements will be informed by the following, along with any additional up-to-date evidence:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The latest West Essex and East Hertfordshire Strategic Housing Market Assessment (SHMA) (2015); • The Older People's Housing Requirements Technical Study (2013); • The latest East Herts Housing and Health Strategy; • Local demographic context and trends; • Local housing need and demand; 	Council corrections and deletion of out of date study.

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Site issues and design considerations. 	
MC/14/03	Text box following 14.2.3 (after Table 14.1)	168	<p>The latest West Essex and East Hertfordshire Strategic Housing Market Assessment (2015) can be viewed and downloaded from the Council's Website at:</p> <p>www.eastherts.gov.uk/shma www.eastherts.gov.uk/evidencebase</p> <p>The London Commuter Belt (East) Sub-Region: Older People's Housing Requirements Study (October 2013) can be viewed and downloaded from the Council's Website at:</p> <p>www.eastherts.gov.uk/olderpeoplestudy</p> <p>The Council's latest Housing and Health Strategy can be viewed and downloaded from the Council's Website at: www.eastherts.gov.uk/housing</p>	<p>Council update to web link.</p> <p>Council deletion of out of date study.</p> <p>Council correction.</p>
MC/14/04	14.2.4	168	14.2.4 14.2.3	Council update to

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				paragraph numbering following deletion of existing paragraph 14.2.3.
MC/14/05	HOU1 Type and Mix of Housing V.	168	V. Self-Build Housing in accordance with Policy HOU8 (Self-Build and Custom Build Housing).	Council modification to update cross-referencing to Policy HOU8.
MC/14/06	HOU2 Housing Density I. (a)	170	a) The design objectives set out in Policy DES3 DES4 (Design of Development);	Council update to policy reference.
MC/14/07	Text box following 14.4.6	171	The Delivery Study can be viewed and downloaded at: www.eastherts.gov.uk/deliverystudy www.eastherts.gov.uk/evidencebase	Council update to web link.
MC/14/08	14.4.9	172	Effective affordable housing provision is not just about quantity; of equal importance is ensuring the right type of provision. The latest SHMA 2015 identifies the greatest need for affordable housing is from those requiring housing from the affordable rent tenure. However, the Housing and Planning Act 2016 has introduced the requirement for local authorities to promote the	Council update to reference.

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			supply of starter homes. The Act sets out a definition of starter homes and signals the Government's intention to require a set proportion of starter homes to be delivered on qualifying sites, the level of which will be confirmed by secondary legislation.	
MC/14/09	Text box following 14.4.17	174	<p>The Affordable Housing and Lifetime Homes' (2008, or as amended) Supplementary Planning Document can be viewed and downloaded at:</p> <p>www.eastherts.gov.uk/affordablehousing</p> <p>www.eastherts.gov.uk/spd</p>	Council update to web link.
MC/14/10	HOU8 Self-Build Housing	182	Policy HOU8 Self-Build and Custom Build Housing	Council correction to policy title.
MC/14/11	14.10.3	183	<p>There are currently three four authorised private Gypsy and Traveller sites in East Herts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nine Acres, High Cross: 8 13 permitted pitches; • Field Farm, Levens Green: 6 permitted pitches; and • The Stables, Bayfordbury: 8 permitted pitches; and • South Paw, Widford: 1 permitted pitch. 	Council update in light of recent permission.

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MC/14/12	14.10.6	183	<p>For Gypsies and Travellers, 2 pitches will be required up to 2022, with a further 3 pitches between 2022-2027. These pitch requirements arise from two sites at:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Stables, Bayford (3 pitches), which will be met via expansion of that site; and • Unauthorised pitches at Esbies, Sawbridgeworth (2 pitches), which will be met within a new site for 15 pitches to be established within Birchall Garden Suburb (EWEL1), which will also contribute to meeting the needs of Welwyn Hatfield Borough. 	In response to issue regarding the cross-referencing of policies raised by Inspector at Part 2 Hearing Sessions.
MC/14/13	14.10.7	184	<p>As the identification of accommodation needs for Gypsies and Travellers is less certain beyond year 10 of the Plan, and an up-to-date understanding of the needs of Gypsy and Traveller communities will need to be maintained throughout the plan period, it is considered appropriate that provision should not be specifically allocated post-2027 without a demonstration of precise need at this time. However, in anticipation of future accommodation needs occurring, 2 further pitches should be reserved within the new site at Birchall Garden Suburb (EWEL1), and an additional new Gypsy and Traveller site should also be identified within the Gilston Area (GA1) site allocation for future need towards the end of the plan period and/or beyond. Land should be safeguarded as part of the overall development of these sites for such purposes.</p>	In response to issue regarding the cross-referencing of policies raised by Inspector at Part 2 Hearing Sessions.

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MC/14/14	14.10.8	184	<p>For Travelling Showpeople, 7 plots will be required up to 2022; one plot is required between 2022 and 2027; and a further plot between 2027 and 2033 (totalling 9 plots across the plan period). All of these plot requirements arise from the Rye House site, which is fully occupied with no room for expansion. A new yard should be identified within Gresley Park (EOS1) to provide 5 plots towards meeting the needs of the first five years; and 4 plots should also be allocated within the development to the North and East of Ware to meet the residual need across the plan period. In order to ensure that any, as yet unidentified, Travelling Showpeople's needs can be accommodated the allocated site to the North and East of Ware (WARE2) should also include sufficient safeguarded land for future expansion within a site area large enough to accommodate a total of 8 plots overall, as need dictates. Additionally, the Gilston Area (GA1) should also include sufficient safeguarded land for future longer term provision within a site area large enough to accommodate a total of 8 plots overall.</p>	<p>In response to issue regarding the cross-referencing of policies raised by Inspector at Part 2 Hearing Sessions.</p>				
MC/14/15	HOU9 Gypsies and Travellers and Travelling Showpeople	185	<p>I. To meet identified local need, pitches for Gypsies and Travellers and plots for Travelling Showpeople will be provided within the District at the following locations:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="804 1198 1695 1380"> <thead> <tr> <th colspan="2" data-bbox="804 1198 1695 1251">Gypsyies and Travellers</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="804 1254 999 1380">The Stables, Bayford</td> <td data-bbox="1003 1254 1695 1380">3 additional pitches (2 to be provided in the period up to 2022; and 1 between 2022 and 2027) within the allocated site area.</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Gypsyies and Travellers		The Stables, Bayford	3 additional pitches (2 to be provided in the period up to 2022; and 1 between 2022 and 2027) within the allocated site area.	<p>Part I. – Minor Change Council update of table header for accuracy.</p>
Gypsyies and Travellers								
The Stables, Bayford	3 additional pitches (2 to be provided in the period up to 2022; and 1 between 2022 and 2027) within the allocated site area.							

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			Birchall Garden Suburb, East of Welwyn Garden City (EWEL1)	4 pitches (2 to be provided between 2022 and 2027; and 2 to allow for longer-term accommodation needs) for East Herts within an area sufficient to accommodate a total of 15 pitches (11 for Welwyn Hatfield) to meet the accommodation needs of both East Herts and Welwyn Hatfield and/or for future expansion, as evidence of need dictates.	
			The Gilston Area (GA1)	To allow for longer-term accommodation needs, an area of suitable land should be safeguarded that would allow for future provision of a total of 15 pitches, to be delivered towards the end of the Plan period and/or beyond, as evidence of need dictates.	
			Travelling Showpeople		
			Gresley Park, East of Stevenage (EOS1)	5 plots (each of sufficient size to allow for the provision of accommodation and equipment plus storage/maintenance).	
			North and East of Ware (WARE2)	4 plots (each of sufficient size to allow for the provision of accommodation and equipment plus storage/maintenance) within the first phase of development to be provided within a larger area that should be safeguarded to allow for future	

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The Gilston Area (GA1)	To allow for longer-term accommodation needs, an area of suitable land should be safeguarded that would allow for future provision of a total of 8 plots (each of sufficient size to allow for the provision of accommodation and equipment plus storage/maintenance), to be delivered towards the end of the Plan period and/or beyond, as evidence of need dictates.							
MC/14/16	14.13	188	14.13 14.12 Extensions and Alterations to Dwellings and Residential Outbuildings	Council update following deletion of Section 14.12.				
MC/14/17	14.13.1	188	14.13.1 14.12.1	Council update following deletion of Section 14.12.				
MC/14/18	14.13.2	188	14.13.2 14.12.2 The Council will expect all proposals for extensions and alterations to dwellings and residential outbuildings to be of a high standard of design that is appropriate to the character and appearance of the dwelling and the surrounding area. All householder development proposals should be sensitively designed to ensure that they would not have an unacceptable impact upon the amenities of the occupiers of the existing dwelling and any neighbouring dwellings. In particular the Council will assess proposals having regard to any loss of light, privacy and outlook and overbearing impacts that the development could have upon existing and	Council update following deletion of Section 14.12.				

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			future occupiers of the host dwelling and adjoining dwellings. In addition to the policies below, applications for extensions will also be considered against Policy DES3 DES4 (Design of Development) where appropriate.	Council update to policy reference.
MC/14/19	14.13.3	189	14.13.3 14.12.3	Council update following deletion of Section14.12.
MC/14/20	14.14	190	14.14 14.13 Change of Use of Land to Residential Garden and Enclosure of Amenity Land	Council update following deletion of Section14.12.
MC/14/21	14.14.1	190	14.14.1 14.13.1	Council update following deletion of Section14.12.
MC/14/22	14.14.2	190	14.14.2 14.13.2	Council update following deletion of Section14.12.
MC/14/23	14.15	190	14.15 14.14 Residential Annexes	Council update following deletion of Section14.12.
MC/14/24	14.15.1	190	14.15.1 14.14.1	Council update following deletion of Section14.12.
MC/14/25	14.15.2	191	14.15.2 14.14.2	Council update following deletion of Section14.12.

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MC/14/26	14.15.3	191	14.15.3 14.14.3	Council update following deletion of Section 14.12.

Chapter 15: Economic Development

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Chapter 15: Economic Development				
MC/15/01	Text box following 15.2.1	196	The Council's technical studies relating to employment and economic development can be viewed and downloaded from the Council's Website at: www.eastherts.gov.uk/technicalstudies www.eastherts.gov.uk/evidencebase	Council update to web link.
MC/15/02	15.2.4	197	The following policies relate to the district as a whole, where the provisions of the General Permitted Development (England) Order 2015 (as amended) do not apply. and They set out the approach to designated and non-designated employment land and employment generating uses, which may include uses not within the traditional employment Use Classes B1 (Business), B2 (General Industrial) and B8 (Storage and Distribution). Policies on	Modification in response to issue raised by Inspector in Matters and Issues, Part 2.

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			retail and commercial uses are contained in Chapter 16 (Retail and Town Centres). Policies related to employment, retail or commercial uses relevant to specific settlements are included in the appropriate settlement chapter.	
MC/15/03	15.3.4 and following Text box	199	<p>Agricultural buildings within the rural area are often of historic merit and the conversion of such buildings should be undertaken with care in order to protect the historic and visual quality of the building and its setting. In most cases, agricultural buildings would be considered in relation to the farm house, most of which, if they are of historic merit would already be designated in some way. Where there is no designation, an assessment will be made in relation to the Heritage policies in Chapter 21 and other policies in this Plan. The Council will expect such proposals to consider the English Heritage guide 'The Conversion of Traditional Farm Buildings: A guide to good practice' take into account Historic England's Best Practice Guidelines for Adaptive Reuse.</p> <p>The English Heritage guide 'The conversion of Traditional Farm Buildings: A guide to good practice' can be viewed and downloaded at:</p> <p>www.english-heritage.org.uk/publications/conversion-of-</p>	Council update to Historic England publication and web link.

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			<p>traditional farm buildings/</p> <p>Historic England's guidelines for 'Adapting Traditional Farm Buildings: best practice guidelines for adaptive reuse' can be viewed and downloaded at:</p> <p>https://www.historicengland.org.uk/images-books/publications/adapting-traditional-farm-buildings/</p>	
MC/15/04	ED2 III. (d) and (e) Rural Economy	199 - 200	(d) the building is of permanent and substantial construction. and (e) such proposals should not conflict with other policies within this Plan.	Modifications in response to issues raised by Inspector at Examination Hearings.
MC/15/05	ED2 IV. (e) and (f) Rural Economy	199 - 200	(e) any resultant retail or commercial use does not have an adverse impact on the viability of existing nearby rural or village shops or community facilities. and (f) such proposals do not conflict with other policies within this Plan.	Modifications in response to issues raised by Inspector at Examination Hearings.
MC/15/06	Text box following 15.6.2	203	The Council's Economic Development Vision can be viewed and downloaded at: www.eastherts.gov.uk/article/27662/Business-and-Economy www.eastherts.gov.uk/article/35676/Business-Support-Advice	Council update to web link.

Chapter 16: Retail and Town Centres

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Chapter 16: Retail and Town Centres				
MC/16/01	16.3.3	207	In accordance with paragraph 24 of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF), the Council will apply a sequential test to applications for main town centre uses. The main town centre uses, as defined in the NPPF, should be located in the town centre, then in edge of centre locations, and only if suitable sites are not available, should out of centre locations be considered. When considering edge of centre and out of centre proposals, preference will be given to accessible sites that are well connected to the town centre. The Council and the applicant will demonstrate flexibility on issues such as format and scale.	Council clarification.
MC/16/02	Text box following 16.3.4	207	The East Herts Retail and Town Centres Study Update Report 2013 can be viewed and downloaded at: www.eastherts.gov.uk/retailstudy2013 www.eastherts.gov.uk/evidencebase	Council update to web link.
MC/16/03	Text box following 16.4.4	209	The Hertford Town Centre Urban Design Strategy can be viewed at: www.eastherts.gov.uk/HertfordTCUDS www.eastherts.gov.uk/evidencebase	Council update to web link.

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			The Bishop's Stortford Planning Framework can be viewed at: www.eastherts.gov.uk/bsplanningframework www.eastherts.gov.uk/evidencebase	
MC/16/04	RTC3 Primary Shopping Frontages / Policy Map	210	Modification to extend the Primary Shopping Frontage in Ware to encompass units in Star Street as far as the Sainsbury's Local.	Request by Sainsbury's Supermarket Ltd (466270).
MC/16/05	16.8	211	16.8 District Centres, Neighbourhood Centres , Local Parades and Individual Shops	Council correction to section title.
MC/16/06	16.8.6 Table	212	Table 16.1: Retail Hierarchy	Council insertion of table heading.
MC/16/07	16.8.6 Table	212	Neighbourhood Centre <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bishop's Park, Bishop's Stortford North • Bishop's Stortford North • Birchall Garden Suburb, East of Welwyn Garden City • Gresley Park, East of Stevenage • North and East of Ware • The Gilston Area • Whittington Way at Bishop's Stortford South 	To address error raised by the Bishop's Stortford Civic Federation (465343).

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MC/16/08	16.8.6 Table	212	Local Parade Villages <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Puckeridge • Standon • Stanstead Abbots and St Margarets • Watton-at-Stone 	To address error raised by Sally Crook (1048021).
MC/16/09	RTC5 II. District Centres, Neighbourhood Centres, Local Parades and Individual Shops	213	I. Proposals that result in the loss of individual shops in A1 Use will be resisted and will be considered in accordance with Policy CFLR7 CFLR8 (Loss of Community Facilities).	Part II. – Minor Change to provide clarification and to correct policy reference.

Chapter 17: Design and Landscape

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Chapter 17: Design and Landscape				
MC/17/01	Text box following 17.3.4	218	Building Futures is an interactive Website which can be viewed at: www.hertslink.org/buildingfutures www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/microsites/building-futures/building-futures.aspx	Council update to web link.
MC/17/02	17.3.6	218	The Building Research Establishment has established a new Home Quality Mark to replace Building for Life the Code for Sustainable Homes which was revoked in the National Standards review Review 2015. The Home Quality Mark is an independent assessment of the home's quality in terms of its contribution to the occupant's health and wellbeing, cost to maintain and energy efficiency for example. It is a voluntary standard which demonstrates that design and construction exceeds that required by Building Regulations and can be used as a tool when marketing and buying properties and may be used as a benchmark for proposals.	Council clarification.
MC/17/03	17.7.7	221	The rural landscape is of great significance to the character of East Herts. The district has a rich landscape of open fields and parklands shaped by river valleys and arable plateaux. Woodland accounts for 9.8% of total land cover, 11% of which is recorded by the Woodland Trust as being Ancient Woodland under threat.	Clarification at the request of HCC – Ecology (782964) and East Herts Landscape Officer (500069).

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			Hedgerows are also an important feature throughout Hertfordshire, reflecting the historic enclosure of agricultural fields and defining land ownership boundaries. Many hedgerows throughout the district are considered as being 'important' (as defined under the Hedgerows Legislation-Regulations , 1997) and are key elements of green corridors, contributing towards wider ecological networks.	
MC/17/04	Text box following 17.7.9	222	The Landscape Character Assessment Supplementary Planning Document (2007, or as amended) can be viewed and downloaded at: www.eastherts.gov.uk/landscapecharacterspd www.eastherts.gov.uk/spd	Council update to web link.
MC/17/05	DES1 Landscape Character	222	Policy DES1-DES2 Landscape Character	Council correction to reflect addition of a new Policy DES1
MC/17/06	17.7.10	222	Landscape issues must be regarded as an integral part of the site planning and layout phase of the design and development planning process.	Clarification at the request of East Herts Landscape Officer (500069).
MC/17/07	17.7.13	223	Advice on existing trees and hedgerows , new planting and arboricultural constraints can be found in British Standard 5837	Clarification at the request of East Herts Landscape

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			(2012), compliance with which is required where there are trees on or around the site.	Officer (500069).
MC/17/08	17.7.15	223	The Council welcomes landscape design which incorporates principles of green space infrastructure as well as sustainability such as use of local materials, low energy consumption for construction and maintenance, local recycling of water through surfaces which increase the permeability of the ground (such as SUDS or multifunctional green space infrastructure) good pedestrian/cycle links and facilities to reduce car use.	Clarification at the request of East Herts Landscape Officer (500069).
MC/17/09	DES2 Landscaping	223	Policy DES2 DES3 Landscaping	Council correction to reflect addition of a new Policy DES1
MC/17/10	17.7.19	224	6. Green space being retained, enhanced and integrated into the design of a development scheme, which may include the creation of space for local food production, or community gardens or orchards . This can help to reinforce the quality and character of a place, increase biodiversity and deliver a wide range of environmental and health and wellbeing benefits as well as foster a sense of community;	Addition at the request of HCC – Ecology (782964).
MC/17/11	DES3	225-226	Policy DES3 DES4 Design of Development	Council correction to reflect addition of a new

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	Design of Development			Policy DES1
MC/17/12	DES4 Crime and Security	227	Policy DES4 DES5 Crime and Security	Council correction to reflect addition of a new Policy DES1
MC/17/13	DES5 Advertisements and Signs	228	Policy DES5 DES6 Advertisements and Signs II. Consent will not be given for advertisements that are harmful to amenity or public safety. Advertisements should avoid harm to amenity and public safety.	Council correction to reflect addition of a new Policy DES1 Part II. - Modification in response to issues raised by Inspector at Part 2 Examination Hearings.

Chapter 18: Transport

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Chapter 18: Transport				
MC/18/01	Text box	230	The Hertfordshire Local Transport Plan 2011 can be viewed and	Officer update to web link.

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	following 18.1.2		downloaded at: www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/transtreets/tranpan/tp/ www.eastherts.gov.uk/evidencebase	
MC/18/02	Text box following 18.1.3	230	The Hertford and Ware Urban Transport Plan can be viewed and downloaded at: www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/transtreets/tranpan/tcatp/handwutp.pdf - www.eastherts.gov.uk/evidencebase	Officer update to web link.
MC/18/03	18.1.8	231	Green Travel Plans are an essential tool for facilitating development by creating sustainable transport access to, from and around a site. They are effective in managing travel demand, with the potential to contribute to a significant reduction in local and national traffic. They can also help assist in modal shift e.g. via lift sharing schemes, Smarter Choices, readily accessible public transport information, working from home, car clubs, etc. Travel Plans are administered by Hertfordshire County Council (as Transport Authority) and are submitted with planning applications, where applicable. Guidance on their preparation is available at: https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/media-library/documents/highways/development-management/travel-plan-guidance.pdf . However, despite the measures which Travel Plans may introduce, Nonetheless , within the rural parts of the	Modification in response to issue raised by Essex County Council (1049956) to detail how Travel Plans will be delivered/monitored and whose responsibility it would be and to provide further clarity over contents which may be covered.

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			<p>district the dispersed settlement pattern with related lower levels of passenger transport provision and attendant high levels of car dependency make the provision of realistic alternatives to the private car more challenging. Therefore, while supporting and encouraging a reduction in car usage, it is necessary to recognise the importance of private motorised transport in enabling the population of more rural locations to access key facilities and services.</p>	
MC/18/04	18.2.3	232	<p>It is, however, acknowledged by the Government, in the NPPF, that “different policies and measures will be required in different communities and opportunities to maximise sustainable transport solutions will vary from urban to rural areas” (Paragraph 29, NPPF, CLG, 2012). Therefore, where new development is sited away from urban areas it is recognised that there may be reduced scope for passenger transport service and/or other sustainable transport provision in some locations. However, every effort should be made to ensure that the best possible sustainable transport outcomes can be achieved for all new developments, irrespective of remoteness of location, and developers will be expected to demonstrate where specific circumstances indicate otherwise.</p>	Modification in response to issue raised by Inspector at Examination Hearings.
MC/18/05	Textbox	234	The Vehicle Parking Provision at New Development	Officer update to web link.

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	following 18.4.3		Supplementary Planning Document (2008, or as amended) can be viewed and downloaded at: www.eastherts.gov.uk/vehicleparking www.eastherts.gov.uk/spd	

Chapter 19: Community Facilities, Leisure and Recreation

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Chapter 19: Community Facilities, Leisure and Recreation				
MC/19/01	Text box following 19.2.3	239	Sport England guidance on Planning for Sport can be viewed and downloaded from the Sport England Website at: www.sportengland.org/facilities-planning/planning-for-sport/ Sport England guidance on the Design of Sports Facilities can be viewed and downloaded from the Sport England Website at: www.sportengland.org/facilities-planning/tools-guidance www.sportengland.org/facilities-planning/planning-for-sport/planning-tools-and-guidance/	Officer update to web links.
MC/19/02	Text box	240	The East Herts Playing Pitch Strategy Open Spaces and Sports Facilities Assessment can be viewed and downloaded from the	Officer update to web

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	following 19.2.7		<p>Council's Website at: www.eastherts.gov.uk/playingpitchstrategy www.eastherts.gov.uk/evidencebase</p> <p>The East Herts Sports Facility Assessment can be viewed and downloaded from the Council's Website at: www.eastherts.gov.uk/article/24811/East-Herts-Assessment-of-Indoor-Sports-Facilities</p>	links.
MC/19/03	CFLR4 (c) Water Based Recreation	243	(c) The proposal does not have an adverse impact on any flood alleviation works and does not impede the Environment Agency's access requirements to waterworks watercourses .	Council correction to use correct word.
MC/19/04	19.6.4	244	Further information on the Council's approach to nature conservation and green infrastructure can be found in Chapter 19 20 : Natural Environment.	Correction identified by HCC - Ecology (782946)
MC/19/05	CFLR 10 III. (b) Education	251-252	(b) Be of the highest quality of design which offers flexible use of facilities, in order to ensure the various needs of the community can be met, in accordance with Policy DES3 DES4 (Design of Development) (see also Policy ED6 (Lifelong Learning));	Council update to policy reference.

Chapter 20: Natural Environment

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Chapter 20: Natural Environment				
MC/20/01	20.2.2	254	To assist with this, the most important areas in the district are identified on the Policies Map. These include sites of international, national and local importance. The sites are correct at the time of publication of the District Plan but may be subject to change through future reviews. The Council will continue to work with the Hertfordshire Environmental Records Centre as the primary resource for ecological data in the County. Applicants will be expected to seek the advice of the Herts and Middlesex Wildlife Trust, the Hertfordshire Environmental Records Centre, Hertfordshire Ecology at the County Council, Countryside Management Service , Natural England, and other advisory groups relevant local nature partnerships where appropriate, where proposals affect or have the potential to affect the natural environment and nature conservation assets, including valued landscapes, geological conservation interests and soils.	Clarification at the request of HCC – Ecology (782964) and Natural England (848197).
MC/20/02	Table 20.1	255	Local Wildlife Sites (LWS)	Clarification at the request of the Herts and Middlesex Wildlife Trust (866619).

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MC/20/03	20.2.7	256	<p>Local Wildlife Sites in the district are identified by the Hertfordshire Local Wildlife Sites Partnership which is a partnership approach to the identification, selection, assessment and protection of Local Wildlife Sites in the County, led and coordinated by the Herts and Middlesex Wildlife Trust. Local Wildlife Sites (WS) are considered to be of significance for wildlife in at least a district context. There are currently 544 541 Local Wildlife Sites in the district covering 3,442 hectares. There are also 14 Herts and Middlesex Wildlife Trust Reserves in the district, seven of which are SSSIs and one, Waterford Heath, is a Local Nature Reserve (LNR) (under the National Parks and Access to the Countryside Act, 1949, as amended).</p>	Clarification at the request of HCC – Ecology (782964).
MC/20/04	20.2.9	256	<p>The NPPF requires local planning authorities to apply a mitigation hierarchy of avoidance, mitigation and compensation, with distinctions made between international, national and locally designated sites. In the context of the natural environment this means that policies should seek to create net gains in biodiversity, to avoid adverse impacts by considering alternative options, to use mitigation measures where avoidance is not possible and as a last resort to use compensatory measures. Where these measures cannot be achieved, the NPPF makes it clear that permission should be refused.</p>	Clarification at the request of HCC – Ecology (782964).

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MC/20/05	20.2.10	257	<p>In order to objectively assess net ecological impacts and therefore achieve net gains in biodiversity, as required by NPPF, it is vital that a fair robust mechanism for measuring these impacts is applied. To ensure they are consistently quantified, applications must be accompanied by a Biodiversity Impact Assessment using the locally approved DEFRA Biodiversity Metric where appropriate. the application of the DEFRA and NE endorsed Biodiversity Impact Assessment Calculator (Warwickshire County council V18 2014 or as updated) will be required for all development with negative impacts on biodiversity.</p>	Clarification at the request of HCC – Ecology (782964) and Herts and Middlesex Wildlife Trust (866619).
MC/20/06	20.3.3	258	<p>Whilst protecting priority species and habitats (as listed under Section 41 of the Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006) is important, if biodiversity is to be genuinely enhanced, the conservation of all wildlife and habitats needs to be at the centre of development and planning decision making. It must be recognised that Biodiversity does not only exist on priority habitat sites. Lower quality habitats contribute significantly to the biodiversity of an area. Indeed the vast majority of biodiversity in this country is dependent on non-priority habitat. Through the use of the locally approved Biodiversity Metric where appropriate BIAC, the ecological value of these habitats can be quantified and properly reflected in the planning process. Their value in planning</p>	Clarification at the request of HCC – Ecology (782964) and Herts and Middlesex Wildlife Trust (866619).

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			terms will be less than that of priority habitat and commensurate with the contribution they make to the wider ecosystem, as informed by the calculator.	
MC/20/07	20.3.6	259	Development should be planned to avoid habitat loss and fragmentation, and opportunities should be sought to improve ecological connectivity, including through the creation, restoration and enhancement of linking habitats and 'stepping stones' through the landscape. Any development should minimise impacts on biodiversity and provide net gains for nature where possible. This involves safeguarding and enhancing biodiversity already present, providing new areas of habitat appropriate to the ecology of the area and integrating biodiversity within new development. Changes in land management (field margins and crop rotations for example) can make significant contributions to biodiversity. Simple features such as integrated bat and bird boxes within the fabric of new buildings can be very effective in ensuring a continued supply of roosting opportunities for urban wildlife. Encouragement will be given to proposals which improve the biodiversity value of sites and to the establishment of local nature reserves where the nature conservation and landscape interest of the site will be protected and enhanced.	Addition at the request of HCC – Ecology (782964).

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MC/20/08	20.3.13	261	<p>The waterside environment is particularly rich providing habitat in its own right as well as critical connectivity through the landscape. The value of a waterway is significantly enhanced if it is buffered by complimentary habitat. In accordance with Environment Agency directives, development will be expected to conserve and enhance the aquatic environment and where possible restore the negative impact of previous development – e.g. the naturalisation of canalised or culverted water courses canalisation or culverting of rivers or streams.</p>	Clarification at the request of East Herts Council Environment and Engineering (1048240).
MC/20/09	Textbox following 20.4.2	262	<p>The Council's Green Infrastructure Plan can be viewed and downloaded from the Council's</p> <p>Website at: www.eastherts.gov.uk/gip www.eastherts.gov.uk/evidencebase</p>	Council update to web link.
MC/20/10	20.4.5	263	<p>It is important to remember that habitats and landscapes in East Herts are part of a wider network of green infrastructure that pays no heed to local authority boundaries. For example, the woodland to the south of the District forms part of the swathe of woodland and other habitats that stretch around London, which is part of commonly known as the 'GreenArc' approach, which seeks to maintain and enhance these valuable assets around London, which is commonly known as the GreenArc.</p>	Clarification at the request of HCC – Ecology (782964).

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			<p>Development should therefore be planned to avoid habitat loss and fragmentation, and opportunities should be sought to improve ecological connectivity, including through the creation, restoration and enhancement of linking habitats and 'stepping stones' through the landscape.</p>	
MC/20/11	NE4 II. (e) Green Infrastructure	263-264	(e) Demonstrate how lighting will not adversely impact on green infrastructure that functions as nocturnal wildlife movement and foraging corridors, in line with Policy EQ3 Light Pollution.	Clarification at the request of HCC - Ecology (782964)
MC/20/12	NE4 IV. Green Infrastructure	263-264	IV. Proposals which affect the district's river environments, including built development and recreation and leisure proposals, should take into account and contribute towards achieving, the aims of any statutory or non-statutory plans, such as the Lee Valley Regional Park Authority Park Development Framework, the Bishop's Stortford Waterspace Strategy , relevant River Catchment Management Plans and the Water Framework Directive, and any future relevant plans and programmes.	Council deletion of out of date study.

Chapter 21: Heritage Assets

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Chapter 21: Heritage Assets				
MC/21/01	21.2.2	266	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Over 40 45 Scheduled Monuments • Nearly 3,100 Listed Buildings (which comprise over 4,000 individual listed features) • 42 Conservation Areas • 550 Areas of Archaeological Significance • 15 16 Registered Parks and Gardens of Special Historic Interest • 59 58 Locally Listed Historic Parks and Gardens 	Council update and clarification at the request of Historic England (1049766).
MC/21/02	21.2.5	267	Non-designated heritage assets are being identified through ongoing monitoring as well as through the Conservation Area Appraisal work that the Council is currently undertaking, and through future updates to in the Historic Parks & Gardens SPD 2007.	Clarification at the request of HCC – Historic Environment (782964).
MC/21/03	HA2 Non-Designated Heritage Assets	268	<p>I. The Council will engage with key stakeholders and local communities to identify undesignated non-designated heritage assets that contribute to local distinctiveness and refer to existing information in the historic environment record.</p> <p>II. Where a proposal would adversely affect a non-designated heritage asset, regard will be had to the scale</p>	Council change and clarification at the request of HCC – Historic Environment (782964).

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			of any harm or loss and the significance of the heritage asset.	
MC/21/04	21.6.2	274	The Historic England 'Register of Historic Parks and Gardens of special historic interest in England' was established in 1983 and currently identifies over 1,600 sites assessed to be of national importance. Fifteen Sixteen of these are in the District and are identified on the Policies Map.	Clarification at the request of Historic England (1049766).
MC/21/05	Textbox following 21.6.6	275	The 'Historic Parks & Gardens' Supplementary Planning Document (September 2007, or as amended) can be viewed and downloaded at: www.eastherts.gov.uk/historicparksandgardensspd www.eastherts.gov.uk/spd	Council update to web link.

Chapter 22: Climate Change

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Chapter 22: Climate Change				
MC/22/01	Text box	278	Building Futures is an interactive website which can be accessed	Council update to web

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	following 22.1.2		at: www.hertslink.org/buildingfutures www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/microsites/building-futures/building-futures.aspx	link.
MC/22/02	Text box following 22.4.1	281	The Hertfordshire Renewable and Low Carbon Energy Technical Study (July 2010) can be viewed and downloaded from the Hertfordshire County Council Website at: www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/envplan/plan/renewableenergy/ www.eastherts.gov.uk/evidencebase	Council update to web link.

Chapter 23: Water

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Chapter 23: Water				
MC/23/01	Text box following 23.1.2	284	Building Futures is an interactive website which can be accessed at: www.hertslink.org/buildingfutures www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/microsites/building-futures/building-futures.aspx	Council update to web link.

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			futures.aspx	
MC/23/02	Text box following 23.2.2	284	The East Herts Strategic Flood Risk Assessment can be viewed on the Council's website at: www.eastherts.gov.uk/sfra www.eastherts.gov.uk/evidencebase	Council update to web link.
MC/23/03	23.6.4	292	East Herts Council will seek to ensure that there is adequate wastewater network infrastructure to serve all new developments.	Clarification at the request of Thames Water (465246).

Chapter 24: Environmental Quality

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Chapter 24: Environmental Quality				
MC/24/01	24.5.3	297	Bishop's Stortford in particular suffers from this issue; the combination of the historic road network combined with its proximity to Stansted Airport means that the town centre frequently suffers from congestion and the resultant poor air quality. As such an Air Quality Management Area (AQMA) has been established in the town centre (at Hockerill Lights) to monitor levels of pollutants. There is also an AQMA in Hertford	Council update to include explanatory text about the Air Quality Action Plan.

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			(at the Mill Road/A414 roundabout), and in London Road, Sawbridgeworth. These monitoring sites are supported by action plans to improve air quality in these locations. The Council also produces regular update and screening assessments and progress reports for the whole district and regular assessments on each AQMA. The Council also has an Air Quality Action Plan which sets out how the Council will work with partner organisations and residents to contribute towards improving air quality across the District.	
MC/24/02	Text box following 24.5.3	297	More information on Air Quality Management Areas and the Council's Air Quality Action Plan can be found on the Council's Website at: www.eastherts.gov.uk/envhealth	Council update to refer to the Air Quality Action Plan.
MC/24/03	24.5.4	298	The Council is preparing has prepared an Air Quality Planning Guidance Document which defines the Council's expectations of developers to ensure a consistent approach and sets criteria for when an Air Pollution Assessment is required and a range of mitigation options. In some cases it may be necessary to place conditions where permission is granted in order to ensure mitigation is delivered. It is intended that the Air Quality Planning Guidance Document will be adopted by the Council as a Supplementary Planning Document.	Council update to reflect status of document.
MC/24/04	Textbox	298	The Council's (emerging) Air Quality Planning Guidance	Council update to web

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	following 24.5.4		Document can be found on the Council's Website at: www.eastherts.gov.uk/envhealth www.eastherts.gov.uk/evidencebase	link.
MC/24/05	24.5.7	298	In line with Policy DES3 DES4 (Design of Development), the Council will expect proposals to embrace renewable, zero and low-carbon technology to fulfil some, if not all, of the expected energy use of the proposed development. Where proposals are within or near the urban areas of settlements, applications should be supported by an air quality assessment, which details proposed mitigation measures where necessary.	Council update to policy reference.

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No proposed minor changes.

Minor Changes – Policies Map:

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MC/PM/01	Sheet F / Inset Map 26	-	Removal of land from Green Belt (Policy GBR1) to the north-east of site allocation HERT3 (Land west of Hertford, North of Welwyn Road).	Council modification of boundary to increase site allocation area by approximately 0.66 ha to North of Welwyn Road. See MM/7/07
MC/PM/02	Sheet F / Inset Map 26	-	Extension of site allocation boundary to HERT3 (Land west of Hertford, North of Welwyn Road) to include further 0.66ha to north-east of the site.	Council modification of boundary to increase site allocation area by approximately 0.66 ha to North of Welwyn Road. See MM/7/07
MC/PM/03	Sheet E / Inset Map 23	-	Removal of the 14 hectare Sports Pitch provision (Policy SAWB5) from policy map.	Allocation deleted as the Council cannot be assured that the site can be deliverable as a sports pitch. See MM/8/13

MC/PM/04	Sheet E / Inset Map 23	-	Green Space allocation linked to site allocation SAWB3 (Land South of West Road) to be deleted.	To reflect the position agreed with the site promoters. See MM/8/09
MC/PM/05	Sheet A – Inset Map 1	-	Buntingford Settlement Boundary (BUNT1) amended in line with Buntingford Community Area Neighbourhood Plan.	Reflect recently 'made' Buntingford Community Area Neighbourhood Plan where boundary was in conflict to settlement boundary in District Plan.
MC/PM/06	Sheet G / Inset Map 34	-	Benington Village Boundary (VILL2) to include Hebing End to the south of the village of Benington.	Council change to ensure consistency.
MC/PM/07	Sheet F / Inset Map 26 & 28	-	Change to the size of employment area (Policy HERT6) at Pegs Lane. Site to be reduced in size.	Modification to reflect the deletion of Leahoe House from the Employment Area in response to issue raised by HCC (482550). See MM/3/05

MC/PM/08	Sheet F / Inset Map 30	-	Primary Shopping Area (Policy RTC1) in Ware to be extended to include newly developed frontage to the east of the town centre.	Council change to reflect recent retail development in this location and representations made at Regulation 19 stage by Sainsbury's Supermarket Ltd. (466270).
MC/PM/09	Sheet F / Inset Map 30	-	Secondary Shopping Frontage (Policy RTC4) in Ware to be extended to include newly developed frontage to the east of the town centre.	Council change to reflect recent retail development in this location and representations made at Regulation 19 stage by Sainsbury's Supermarket Ltd. (466270).
MC/PM/10	Sheet A – Inset Map 1	-	Buntingford First School (BUNT2) site deleted and creation of a new site allocation to the east of the original site.	Council modification to reflect the fact that Hertfordshire County Council has now acquired land to the east of London Road for a first school site. See MM/6/07