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Stevenage Local Plan Representation Form – Jan 2016

Please complete a separate form for each representation you wish to make.

1. To which part of the Local Plan does this representation relate?

Paragraph6.7..... (please specify)

PolicyEC1..... (please specify)

Proposals Map ✓

2. Do you consider the Local Plan has been prepared in accordance with the Duty to Cooperate? (please select one answer)

No

Yes

3. Do you consider the Local Plan has met the legal requirements? (please select one answer)

No

Yes

4. Do you consider the Local Plan has met the procedural requirements? (please select one answer)

No

Yes

5. Do you consider the Local Plan is sound? (please select one answer)

No (if no go to question 6) ✓

Yes (if yes go to question 7)

6. If no, do you consider the Local Plan is unsound because it is: (please select all that apply)

Not positively prepared

Not Justified ✓

Not Effective

Inconsistent with national policy ✓

- 7. Please give details of why you consider the Local Plan has not been prepared in accordance with the Duty to Cooperate, has not met legal requirements, has not met the procedural requirements, or is unsound. Please be as precise as possible. If you wish to support the Local Plan, please also use this box to set out your comments.**

CPRE Hertfordshire objects to the proposed removal from the Green Belt and allocation (EC1/7) in Policy EC1 of 4 hectares of land west of the A1(M) Motorway near junction 8. The same objection also applies to the associated text in paragraphs 6.7, and to the site being shown as an Employment Site on the Proposals Map.

No demonstration that exceptional circumstances exist has been set out in Chapter 6 of Plan for the removal of this site from the Green Belt. CPRE Hertfordshire considers that the removal of land west of A1(M) near Junction 8 sets a precedent that would inevitably lead to the spread of development westwards away from the current defensible boundary, and threatens coalescence with Little Wymondley. The visual gap between Stevenage and that village would be halved if this site were developed, and the purposes of the Green Belt unacceptably undermined without justification, contrary to National Planning Policy.

- 8. Please set out what change(s) you consider necessary to make the Local Plan in accordance with the Duty to Cooperate, meet the procedural and legal requirements, or sound, having regard to the test you have identified above where this relates to soundness. You will need to say why this change will make the Local Plan in accordance with the Duty to Cooperate, meet the procedural and legal requirements, or sound. It will be helpful if you are able to put forward your suggested revised wording of any policy or text. Please be as precise as possible.**

Policy EC1 and the whole of paragraph 6.7 should be amended to delete all references to site EC1/7, and the Local Plan Proposals Map 2016 amended to remove the site and show the Green Belt boundary in its current location.

- 9. If your representation is seeking a change, do you consider it necessary to participate at the oral part of the examination? (please select one answer)**

Yes, I wish to participate at the oral examination

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