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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?

Paragraph (please specify)

PolicySP3..... (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 references in Policy SP3 to potential proposals for development and Planning policy outside the Plan area. Reliance on such development in advance of any approved development plan policy is unjustified, contrary to national policy, and likely to be ineffective.

The same objection also applies to the associated text in paragraphs 5.23 and 5.26.

CPRE Hertfordshire notes that paragraph 5.29 recognises environmental impacts would arise from development of Green Belt sites, but alarmingly claims that such impacts can be reduced and mitigated '*through their development and delivery.*' No acceptable justification for the inclusion of sites and land outside the Borough is provided, and no demonstration that exceptional circumstances exist for the development of Green Belt sites.

- 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 SP3 and the text in Chapter 5 should be amended to delete all references to specific sites and areas of land beyond the Borough boundary as potential development sites.

- 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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