

NORTH HERTS PROPOSED SUBMISSION LOCAL PLAN INCORPORATING PROPOSED MAIN MODIFICATIONS 2019: CPRE HERTFORDSHIRE ADDITIONAL REPRESENTATION

Introduction

Campaign to Protect Rural England Hertfordshire (CPRE) submitted Representations on the Council's Proposed Main Modifications to the Submitted Local Plan (the Main Mod's) in February 2019 to meet the Council's deadline at that time. Following the extension to the timescale for submission of representations in the Council's email of 4 March 2019, and the invitation to submit further comments, CPRE wishes to make a further Representation as set out below in the light of having the opportunity to review the documents sent to the Inspector following the last examination hearings addressing the matters dealt with in those documents.

Our initial representations of February 2019 remain relevant to the examination.

Paragraph 14.xx (MM 375)

CPRE objects to the proposed wording by the Council of a new paragraph to be inserted after paragraph 14.39. That paragraph would commit the Council to support in principle any development in North Hertfordshire associated with development proposals in the adjacent areas of Luton and Central Bedfordshire, including any proposals for expansion of Luton Airport that abuts North Herts, and any associated infrastructure.

Such proposals could have a devastating impact on a currently tranquil countryside area of North Herts that is in the Green Belt, and is accepted as constituting high quality landscape with small dispersed settlements either within or near the existing Chilterns Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

Consequently, the modified working should be amended to limit and qualify the support for development proposals associated with proposals in other local authority areas. In the case of proposals arising from new and emerging local development plan strategies and documents, these should be considered through the Local Plan Review process, not via 'back-door' provisions in the Implementation Chapter of the Local Plan.