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Dear Sir

## Welwyn Hatfield Local Plan Examination

At the end of the hearing sessions last week I promised to write to you setting out the Council's progress in relation to the further work you have requested be carried out.

In the Table below I have listed the key tasks which you identified need to be undertaken, along with progress to date and when we anticipate the information will be available for publication.

Tasks	Progress
1. Review of the SHMA with regards to Unattributable Population Change and sensitivity testing for younger household formation over a different time period.	Turleys and Edge Analytic have been commissioned to look again at the issue of UPC, younger household formation rates and the impact of students. This piece of work is expected to be available for publication at the end of March. (However our consultants are currently engaged in a Public Inquiry and the timetable might slip as a consequence)
2. Review of implications of need for student communal establishments and impact on OAN	
3. Review of housing land supply in the defined HMA	Conversations have and are continuing to take place with authorities within the defined HMA relating to housing land supply - not all are currently able to provide information on this issue and we will continue to work with them on this matter.

<p>4. Review of data on migration to and from East Herts</p>	<p>Turleys have been commissioned to provide an analysis of the data and this will be available for publication at the end of March.</p>
<p>5. Provide single Table setting out delivery assumptions for allocated sites and density assumptions alongside housing trajectory</p>	<p>Table setting out the assumptions will be provided at the end of March.</p>
<p>6. Review of the Green Belt to incorporate washed over villages and land adjoining towns and inset villages. If opportunities don't exist to deliver 20,000 dwellings to look further afield within Welwyn Hatfield.</p>	<p>Green Belt review is currently out to tender and we anticipate that we will have made an appointment by 12<sup>th</sup> March. A programme for its completion will be provided once a consultant has been appointed.</p>
<p>7. Necessary supporting infrastructure associated with 16,000 dwellings</p>	<p>Infrastructure issues relating to 16,000 dwellings need to be considered in the light of options for the distribution of additional dwellings across the borough and will need to be informed by the results of the Green Belt work.</p> <p>A review of the current evidence base is being undertaken but this has not tested an option for delivering 16,000 dwellings and there may be a need to update existing infrastructure evidence in particular with regards to waste water and transport modelling.</p> <p>Some work has been undertaken with regards to school provision but this will be dependent on the distribution of dwellings as will any additional transport modelling. The programme for completing this work will be dependent on the Green Belt Review and its conclusions.</p>

8. Independent review of the evidence on contamination relating to Birchall Garden Suburb	It is hoped that the LQM report will be available for publication in March but this has not yet been confirmed with the consultants.
9. Review of extent of buffer required to address noise, dust and air quality issues associated with A414 and Burnside.	We are currently reviewing the timescales for this and will provide a further update.

I will provide a further update on the programme once we have appointed consultants for the Green Belt Review and the programme has been confirmed with them.

Yours faithfully



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