

Foreword

This document reproduces in its entirety the report received in April 2004 from the Planning Inspector, Mr Michael Clark. He was appointed by the First Secretary of State to hold an Inquiry into objections to the Welwyn Hatfield District Plan Review, Revised Deposit Version, June 2002.

Preceding the contents page is a copy of the Inspectors covering letter, which provides a summary of the main issues, dealt with in the report.

The addendum prepared by Welwyn Hatfield Council does not form part of the report. It provides a list of typographical errors and points of clarification and is included for information.

In due course, the Council will consider the Inspector's Report and produce a Schedule of Decisions outlining a response to each of the Inspector's recommendations and a List of Proposed Modifications to the Welwyn Hatfield District Plan Review, Revised Deposit Version, June 2002.

Addendum

Corrections and Points of Clarification to the Inspectors Report on the Welwyn Hatfield District Plan Review April 2004

A limited check has been undertaken and a small number of errors and points requiring clarification have been identified. This list should therefore be read in conjunction with the Inspector's Report but does not form part of it.

Page 20 paragraph 4.3.16 last sentence grammatical/typographical error
"as proposed Mr Thomes", should read 'as proposed by Mr Thomas'

Page 22/23 paragraph 4.3.34 point of clarification

At the time of the Inquiry the Inspector had before him the consultation version of the Digswell Character Appraisal published in March 2003. In paragraph 4.3.34 he makes reference to Sub Area J, which is identified in the consultation version as 'the Wooded Western Fringe'. This sub area and the text he quotes from have been deleted from the final version of the character appraisal adopted by the Council in January 2004. The adopted version refers to Sub Area J Harmer Green and this relates to a different character area previously identified as Sub Area K in the consultation version of the document.

Page 42 paragraph 5.13.3 typographical error

Line 6 refers to a Wildlife Site in Appendix 2, this should be Appendix 3.

Page 50 paragraphs 5.19.2 and Recommendation point of clarification

Pre-Inquiry Changes PIC/014/RES and PIC/058/RES *sic*. To clarify, PIC/014/RES refers to the addition of a new paragraph 5.51a and PIC/058/RES refers to an amendment to paragraph 5.52.

Page 118, top of the page, typographical error

The section in brackets after the heading AFFORDABLE HOUSING should in fact read: (paragraphs 9.30 – ~~9.36c~~ **9.35c** and policy H7), because there is no 9.36c in the Plan.

Page 172 paragraph 13.4.5 point of clarification

Substitute "eastern" for "western" when referring to the featureless elevation of the Howard Centre.

Page 172 paragraph 13.4.7, grammatical/typographical error, third sentence, insert "a" before "shopping destination".

Page 186, paragraph 15.5 REPLACEMENT OF DWELLINGS IN THE GREEN BELT. Issue 3 Typographical error

The reference is to policy **RA14** but this should be **RA4**.

Page 189 paragraph under recommendations first sentence typographical error substitute “Policy RA6 (vi)” for “Policy RA5 (vi)”.

Page 193 under Recommendations last sentence, typographical error insert “settlements” after “specified”.

Page 194, paragraph 15.13.1, typographical error:

“The policy goes ~~in~~on to confirm that there must be an identified local need for such housing and that it must respect the character and local distinctiveness of the settlement.”