



WELWYN HATFIELD DISTRICT PLAN REVIEW

Supplementary Planning Guidance

Parking Standards

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1. Introduction

1.1 This supplementary planning guidance on parking standards has been introduced in accordance with central government advice in Planning Policy Guidance Note 13: Transport (PPG13) (March 2001), Planning Policy Guidance Note 3 (PPG3): Housing (March 2000): Regional Planning Guidance for the South East (RPG 9) (December 2000), Hertfordshire's Local Transport Plan (July 1999), the Hertfordshire Supplementary Planning Guidance on Parking Provision at New Development (December 2000) and the Welwyn Hatfield District Plan Review (Revised Deposit Version - June 2002).

1.2 The standards are based on:

- Up-to-date surveys of actual parking demand;
- A comparison with practice in adjacent and/or similar authorities
- The aim to eliminate systematic over-provision of parking evident in some recent development.
- 1.3 The guidance supports Policy 25 of the Hertfordshire County Structure Plan Review and Policy M19 Parking Standards for New Development in the Welwyn Hatfield District Plan Review, which seeks to promote the use of maximum demand-based car parking standards as part of a strategy to reduce dependence on the car and encourage greater use of non-car modes of travel. Policy M19 of the District Plan Review adopts a restraint-based approach to car parking and refers to maximum demand-based standards set out in Supplementary Planning Guidance (SPG).
- 1.4 This document forms that SPG. Therefore, the standards should be read in conjunction with Policy M19 of the District Plan Review. The standards will be treated as a material consideration in the determination of planning applications. PPG12 on Development Plans, states that the Secretary of State will give substantial weight to SPG in planning decisions if it is consistent with the development plan and has been prepared in the proper manner.

2. Applying the Car Parking Standards

- 2.1 Appendix A sets out the new maximum standards for car parking. These should be applied to all use classes of development and in all cases the standards should not be exceeded. The standards are consistent with those contained in the Hertfordshire SPG on Parking.
- 2.2 The new standards will normally be the starting point from which progressive reductions in on-site provision may be made based on the accessibility of the site, calculated in accordance with the principles set out in this guidance.
- 2.3 For non-residential development, it may be possible to reduce parking provision below the maximum standards in areas that are accessible by more sustainable modes of transport, such as town and local centres. In rural areas, where accessibility by other modes is generally poor, the maximum standards for non-residential development will normally be applied directly, without restraint. Section 3 sets out the methodology for calculating the accessibility of an area (zone) and therefore the proposed parking restraint.
- 2.4 The use of inappropriately high trip rates in parking accumulation calculations to try to justify additional parking provision will normally be challenged. Trip rates used for sensitivity tests of access arrangements are not generally appropriate for parking demand calculations.

3. Zonal Approach to Car Parking Restraint

Methodology

- 3.1 The progressive introduction of parking restraint from the maximum parking standards depends on the accessibility of the area in which the site is located. The methodology for calculating the accessibility of the areas is based on the zonal approach set out in the Hertfordshire Parking SPG. The zonal approach will only be applied to urban areas. The process for 'zoning' an area is fully described in Appendix B, but in summary it is as follows:
 - 1. Divide the urban area into cells of identifiable character by taking account of land use and development density and using roads, railways, rivers and topography to define boundaries.
 - 2. Compile a profile of each cell taking account of:
 - Its economic health and context, based on retail hierarchy and/or other economic indicators as appropriate;
 - Accessibility by non-car modes of transport i.e. passenger transport, cycling and walking (existing and planned);
 - Any other criteria that are considered as important in this context.

- 3. Assign numerical "scores" to represent the profile/performance of each cell under these criteria such that the higher the score, the greater is the justification for on-site parking provision at a new development to be reduced below that derived from simply applying the maximum demand-based parking standard.
- 4. A maximum score would indicate a cell in a powerful local economy with excellent accessibility by non-car modes, thus justifying on-site provision for little more than operational parking only.
- 5. The maximum score possible for each criterion determines the relative weight or importance given to that criterion.
- Divide the full coverage of scores up into ranges representing four zone types: zone type 1 incurring maximum restraint; zone type 4 incurring least restraint.
- 3.2 Overall, the method assigns ranges of proposed parking restraint:

Zone Type	Car parking provision allowed in urban areas
1	0-25% of maximum demand-based standard
2	25-50% of maximum demand-based standard
3	50-75% of maximum demand-based standard
4	75-100% of maximum demand-based standard

3.3 These ranges (expressed as percentages of maximum demand-based standards) identify the degree of restraint that will normally be applied to new development within each zone type.

Applying Zone-Based Restraint

- 3.4 In all new development proposals that include the provision of car parking, the car parking standards and zonal-based restraint outlined in this SPG will provide a starting point for discussions with developers on the appropriate level of car parking at each development. The general presumption is to impose the lower (most restrictive) end of each range, but having a range allows development to be tailored to particular circumstances.
- 3.5 For predominantly employment areas, additional consideration should be given to economic indicators such as employment levels. It will remain appropriate for employee parking to be restricted in town centre locations where there are opportunities to walk to shops and other services and the work location is within acceptable distances of a range of passenger transport facilities.
- 3.6 As detailed in paragraph 3.1, the zonal approach applies to urban areas only. In addition to this, the parking standards detailed in Appendix A will be applied directly in rural areas, without restraint, as detailed in paragraph 2.3. Therefore, there is a need to define what areas in the district are urban, and what areas are rural.

¹ Operational parking being for vehicles essential for the operation of the development comprising goods in and out vehicles and exceptionally cars of personnel whose main work activity takes place in the vehicle.

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3.7 Policy GBSP2 - Towns and Specified Settlements of the District Plan Review (June 2002) states that the following settlements are defined as either a town or a specified settlement:

Brookmans Park

Oaklands & Mardley Heath

Cuffley

Welham Green

Digswell

Welwyn

Hatfield Little Heath Welwyn Garden City

Woolmer Green

- 3.8 To ensure consistency with the District Plan Review, these settlements have been defined as urban areas, and are therefore subject to the zonal approach to parking restraint. Details as to how the zonal approach has been applied to each of these settlements are contained in Appendix B.
- 3.9 Zonal maps have been produced for these settlements, showing the various zone types (indicating levels of parking restraint), which can be found in Appendix C.
- 3.10 Rural areas are considered to be areas outside of the main settlements detailed in paragraph 3.7. Any areas not within the areas shown in the zonal maps in Appendix C will be considered as rural areas.
- 3.11 The zonal approach will be applied to all development types that are detailed in Appendix A, except those for residential development (Use Class C3), for which the standards are explained in section 4 below.

4. Residential Car Parking Provision

- 4.1 Residential development will generally be expected to accommodate all parking demand on site. The level of car parking to be provided on site, however, will depend on the accessibility of the site.
- 4.2 Paragraph 62 of Planning Policy Guidance Note 3: Housing, March 2000 (PPG3) states that:
 - "Car parking standards that result, on average, in development with more than 1.5 off-street car parking spaces per dwelling are unlikely to reflect the Government's emphasis on securing sustainable residential environments. Policies which would result in higher levels of off-street parking, especially in urban areas, should not be adopted."
- 4.3 The previous car parking standards for residential development set out the Hertfordshire Parking SPG were likely to result in providing more than 1.5 off-street parking spaces per dwelling. Therefore, in light of the changes introduced by PPG3, the car parking standards for residential development in Hertfordshire have been revised, to achieve an average of 1.5 off-street parking spaces per dwelling. These are included in Appendix A. The level of provision of parking spaces for residential development is dependant upon the sites accessibility to non-car modes of transport (its zone). Therefore, the maximum standards for residential development allow for a lower parking standard for sites in zones 1 and 2, but otherwise no further zonal restraint needs to be applied.

4.4 Where it is appropriate, in accordance with the rest of the guidance contained in this document, the Council will support "car-free" developments where tenants, lessees or purchasers have entered onto legally binding agreements that they will forgo car ownership.

5. Car Parking for Disabled Motorists

5.1 The special car parking needs of disabled motorists are to be met in full, irrespective of location. Therefore, for disabled motorists minimum car parking standards will continue to be applied. The parking standards for disabled motorists can be found at the end of Appendix A.

6. Cycle Parking

- 6.1 Appendix A includes cycle parking standards for each Use Class. This is considered important for new development to enable people to cycle. As cycle theft deters greater use, the type of cycle parking provision is important. Cycle stands are satisfactory for short-term cycle parking, but supervised "cycle parks", with at least 50% of stands covered, providing better weather and security protection, will be expected for long-term parking. The provision of shower facilities is also an important consideration, particularly to accompany staff cycle parking and encouraging cycling to work.
- 6.2 The cycle parking standards given in Appendix A attempt to differentiate between short-term and long-term requirements. "Full-time staff equivalents" is the main parameter used to express long-term cycle parking standards as this can be directly related to modal split targets. The long term standards as given in Appendix A relate to a modal split target of 10% by cycle, but should be adjusted (up or down) locally to accord with local targets and/or those set out in Green Travel Plans, as detailed in the Hertfordshire Parking SPG.

7. Parking for Powered Two-Wheeled Vehicles

7.1 The parking needs of powered two-wheeled vehicles have also been considered, in the light of criteria published by the motorcycle industry. The Government's official attitude to motorcycling is still evolving although the main suggestion seems to be that replacement of a car trip is probably advantageous, especially if it is by moped or small motorcycle. General guidance is given in PPG13 and the LTP that local authorities should consider appropriate provision for motorcycle parking. The Hertfordshire LTP states that:

"At the smaller end of this range, powered two-wheelers can help deliver environmental improvements if they substitute for single-occupancy car use. However, these benefits will not be realised if the transfer is from walking, cycling or passenger transport"

7.2 On this basis, secure motorcycle parking should be considered on its merits for all new development, particularly as its demands on development land are limited, relative to those associated with car

- parking (i.e. one car parking space can accommodate about 5 or 6 motorcycles).
- 7.3 As a guide, the recommendations of the motorcycle industry, as set out in "Powered Two Wheelers The SMART Choice in Local Transport Plans" (March 1999), include the following:
 - As a guide, local authorities should set aside around 5% of the total stock of publicly accessible motor vehicle parking space for motorcycle use;
 - Local authorities should also take steps to ensure that workplaces, new developments and other parking not under their direct control, include sufficient provision to ensure pressure is not simply concentrated on local authority provision;
 - Parking facilities should be concentrated close to popular destinations in urban centres, near to shops, amenities, offices, etc;
 - Users should be given the opportunity to park their machines at secure parking places equipped with robust fixed anchor points to make theft a less attractive proposition.

8. Design of Car Parking

8.1 It is important to consider how parking space is to be designed and laid out in new developments and what impact it may have on the quality of the environment. When considering the layout and design of parking reference should be made to the Design Polices in the District Plan Review and the Supplementary Design Guidance (June 2002).

9. Green Travel Plans

- 9.1 The Council will require all applications for development that have a significant trip generating potential to be accompanied by a Green Travel Plan (GTP). Policy M4 Green Travel Plans in the District Plan Review requires this.
- 9.2 The purpose of a GTP is for an organisation to examine the transport movements that are made to and from its premises, by its employees, clients and customers, and identify measures that can be taken to promote the use of sustainable transport measures for the carrying out of those movements. Amongst other things, the GTP will identify how car trips and car parking can be reduced.
- 9.3 PPG13: Transport supports this requirement, stating that it is appropriate for local planning authorities to require applications to be accompanied by a Green Travel Plan in the following circumstances:
 - For all major developments comprising jobs, shopping, leisure and services;

- For smaller developments comprising jobs, shopping, leisure and services where there would be significant traffic generation and where traffic reduction initiatives already occur;
- New and expanded school facilities which should be accompanied by a school travel plan which promotes safe cycle and walking routes, restricts parking and car access at and around schools, and includes on-site facilities for changing and cycle storage facilities;
- Where a plan would help address particular traffic problems.
- 9.4 A guidance note on "Developing a Green Travel Plan," published by the Hertfordshire Technical Chief Officers Association (HTCOA) in March 2001, provides more detailed guidance on the thresholds for the scale of development for which a GTP will be required and on how to prepare a GTP.

10. Developer Contributions

- 10.1 The principle of commuted payments, whereby a sum of money is provided to the local authority to provide public parking in place of a requirement for on-site parking, is no longer generally in use. The Hertfordshire Parking SPG implies a new two-strand approach to transport-related planning obligations (or developer contributions) section 106 agreements and accessibility contributions.
- 10.2 In accordance with Policy IM2 of the Revised Deposit Version of the Welwyn Hatfield District Plan Review, it is expected that agreements under Section 106 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (known as Section 106 Agreements), or its successor legislation, will continue to be the primary source of developer contributions to provide for infrastructure, services and facilities which are directly related to a new development and necessary to the grant of planning permission. As such, the Council may seek Section 106 Agreements for a range of matters which may or may not be related to car parking or the provision of transport-related facilities.
- 10.3 For transport-related Section 106 Agreements, the level of developer contributions will vary according to the type and scale of the development. Therefore, the exact level of any contribution will be assessed at the time the application is made, in consultation with the highway authority and other relevant agencies, and agreed through negotiation with the developer.
- 10.4 As a general, but not definitive, guide, it would be expected that the larger the development, the higher the level of any associated Section 106 contribution, due to the greater potential for significant trip generation. Also, developments located in areas which are more accessible by non-car modes of transport would be expected to contribute less towards improving access by non-car modes, through Section 106 contributions, than developments located in areas less accessible by non-car modes.
- 10.5 In addition to any highway improvements required, Section 106 contributions should also support necessary improvements in physical

infrastructure to provide for non-car modes of transport, in line with guidance contained in PPG13. Such improvements can include:

- Pedestrianisation
- Personal security improvements e.g. street furniture and lighting
- Footpath network development and surfacing/resurfacing
- · Cycle network improvements
- Passenger transport infrastructure improvements
- Provision of bus shelters
- 10.6 Larger developments could provide contributions to support or improve:
 - Bus and railway stations
 - · Park and ride schemes
- 10.7 Outside the planning system, the highway authority may also seek contributions from the developer for highway improvements through agreements under Section 278 of the Highway Act 1980 (known as Section 278 Agreements). Works funded through Section 278 Agreements may be undertaken by the highway authority at the expense of the developer or it may be agreed that the developer undertakes works on the highway on behalf of the highway authority.
- 10.8 At present, the County Council is working on further guidance on accessibility contributions related to parking provision. It is envisaged that such contributions will be used to fund off-site transport measures in the general area or corridor within which the development lies. When the County Council adopts guidance on accessibility contributions, Welwyn Hatfield Council will consider revising this SPG or publishing separate SPG.

11. Parking Provision on Hatfield Aerodrome

- 11.1 The Hatfield Aerodrome Master Plan (adopted as SPG in November 1999) places a significant emphasis on encouraging the use of more sustainable modes of transport to, from and within the site. This will be achieved through various means, including the provision of, and improvements to, infrastructure that facilitates non-car modes of transport, and the adoption of maximum car parking standards on the site.
- 11.2 The master plan contains standards for car parking provision on new development on the site, which are based upon Policy 25 of the Hertfordshire Structure Plan, and the Hertfordshire Parking SPG (which was emerging at the time of the publication of the master plan). The standards for car parking provision in the master plan are similar to those detailed in Appendix A of this SPG.
- 11.3 The development of Hatfield Aerodrome was granted outline planning permission in December 2000, on the basis of the car parking standards outlined in the master plan. Additionally, section 106 contributions have been agreed to provide for non-car modes of transport. Therefore, the car parking standards and zone-based restraint outlined in this SPG will not be applied to Hatfield Aerodrome at this stage.

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11.4 Zonal maps for Hatfield Aerodrome will be developed at a later date, once the development is complete. If the proposals for non-car modes of transport outlined in the master plan are implemented, then it is likely that the Hatfield Aerodrome site will consist of areas of Zone 3 and Zone 4 parking restraint.

12. Car Parking Provision in Town Centres

- 12.1 In general, town centres face competition from out of town retail developments, partially due to the plentiful supply of car parking spaces at such developments. Therefore, some additional car parking provision will be required in town centre development proposals for commercial reasons. However, the level of such provision must be consistent with national and regional transport policy, which seeks to encourage the use of non-car modes of transport.
- 12.2 The districts two town centres, in Welwyn Garden City and Hatfield, have been identified for retail development in the District Plan Review. New developments in the two town centres will be required to provide additional parking, in line with car parking standards detailed in Policy M19 and this SPG.
- 12.3 Both town centres are classed as zone 1 parking restraint, as shown in the zonal maps in Appendix C. This reflects both town centres accessibility by non-car modes of transport, and availability of shops and services. This implies that maximum restraint to car parking should be applied to new development in the town centres.
- 12.4 However, as with all development proposals, the car parking standards and zonal-based restraint outlined in this SPG will provide a starting point for discussions with developers on the appropriate level of car parking at developments in both town centres. This will allow a degree of flexibility, which should ensure that car parking provision at new developments in the two town centres is set at a level that does not compromise the economic viability of the town centres, but reflects the emphasis to reduce car parking provision at new developments as part of a sustainable transport strategy.
- 12.5 Additionally, it would reasonably be expected for new developments in the two town centres to apply measures to promote the use of non-car modes of transport to and from the development, by its staff, clients and customers. Such methods can be identified through Green Travel Plans.

13. Reviewing the Standards

13.1 The Council's Parking Standards will be reviewed periodically as national, regional and county guidance on parking is reviewed. This guidance will also be reviewed to take into account relevant changes arising from changes in local plan policy. The zonal maps in Appendix C will also be reviewed periodically, to take account any changes that affect the scoring of each cell, for example changes in passenger transport frequencies/routes or improved cycling/walking routes.

APPENDIX A

MAXIMUM DEMAND-BASED CAR PARKING STANDARDS (INCLUDING STANDARDS FOR DISABLED MOTORISTS) & CYCLE PARKING STANDARDS

Maximum Demand-Based Car Parking Standards & Cycle Parking Standards

Use class	Description of Development	Maximum car parking	Cycle parking standards	Γ
•	THE PROPERTY OF THE PROPERTY O	standards		
A1	a) Small food shops up to 500 m ² gfa	1 space per 30m ²	1 s/t space per 150m² ofa	T
Retail foodstores	b) Food supermarket exceeding 500m² gfa but	1 space per 18m² gfa	snid	
	not exceeding 2,500m² rfa		1 l/t space per 10 maximum staff on site at any one time	
	c) Food superstores/hypermarkets exceeding 2,500m² retail floor area	1 space per 15m² gfa	1 s/t space per 350m² gfa plus	
	d) Food retail parks	To be decided in each case on	1 l/t space per 10 maximum staff	
		individual merits (shared parking &	on site at any one time.	
		an overall reduction in provision,		
		taking into account linked trips on		
7		site)		
	a) Non-rood retail warehouses with garden	1 space per 25m² gfa	1 s/t space per 350 m² gfa	
Non-food retail	centres		snld	
	b) Non-food retail warehouses without garden	1 space per 35m² gfa	1 I/t space per 10 maximum staff	
	centres		on site at any one time	
	c) Garden centres up to 4,000m² gfa	1 space per 25m² gfa	`	
	d) Garden centres exceeding 4,000m² gfa	to be decided in each case on		
	COMPANIAL CONTRACTOR C	individual merits		
	e) Non-food retail parks where individual land	To be decided in each case on		
	use components are known	individual merits (shared parking &		
		an overall reduction in provision,		
		taking into account linked trips on		
		site)		
	f) Non-food retail parks where individual land	1 space per 40m² gfa		
	dec components are not anown	(Strated parking)		

Use class	Description	Maximum car parking standards	Cycle parking standards
A2 Financial & professional services	Banks, building societies, estate agencies, betting shops	1 space per 30 m² gfa	1 s/t space per 200m² gfa plus 1 l/t space per 10 f/t staff
	THE PROPERTY OF THE PROPERTY O		note: A2 offices should be treated as B1 offices
A3 Food & drink	a) Restaurants/cafes	1 space per 5m ² of floorspace of	1 s/t space per 100m² gfa
		employees	1 l/t space per 10 maximum staff
	b) Public houses/bars	1 space per 3m ² of floorspace of	on site at any one time.
		bar area plus 3 spaces per 4	
		employees	
	c) Hot food takeaway shops (excluding fast	1 space per 3m ² of floorspace of	
	food drive thru restaurants)	public area plus 3 spaces per 4	
		employees	
	d) Fast food drive thru restaurants	1 space per 8m² gfa	
	e) Roadside restaurants	1 space per 4m ² of floorspace of	1 l/t space per 10 maximum staff
		dining area plus 3 spaces per 4	on site at any one time.
		employees	
	f) Transport cafe	1 lorry space per 3.5m² gfa plus	
		3 spaces per 4 employees	
8 7	a) B1 (a) offices	1 space per 30m² gfa	1 s/t space per 500m ² ofa
Business	b) B1 (b) research & development, high-	1 space per 35m² gfa	snld
The state of the s	tech/B1 (c) light industry	•	1 l/t space per 10 f/t staff
B2	General industry	1 space per 50m² gfa	•
General industry	•	(lorry provision to be checked	
	The second secon	against benchinark standards)	

Use class	Description of Development	Maximum car parking standards	Cycle parking standards
B8	Wholesale distribution, builders	1 space per 75m ² ofa	1 I/t space per 10f/t staff
Storage & distribution	merchants, storage	(lorry provision to be checked	
The second secon		against benchmark standards)	
Business Parks	Mixed B1/B2/B8 (unless heavily	1 space per 40m² gfa	1 s/t space per 500m² afa
	orientated to B8) for use where	(lorry provision to be checked	snjd
	individual land use components are not known.	against benchmark standards)	1 l/t space per 10 f/t staff
ភ	a) Hotels	1 space per bedroom (including	1 // space per 10 hads
Hotels & hostels		staff accommodation) plus	snid
		1 space per manager plus	1 l/t space per 10 maximum staff
		2 spaces per 3 staff minus spaces	on site at any one time.
		related to staff bedrooms plus	
		1 space per 5m ² dining area plus	
-		1 space per 3m² bar area plus	
		1 space per 5m² public area in	
		conference facility plus	
		1 space per 6m ² of public area in	
		exhibition hall plus	
		a minimum of 1 coach parking	
		space per 100 bedrooms	
	b) Hostels		1 I/t space per 3 units
	i) Small (single parent or couple	3 spaces per 4 units	
		-	
	ii) Family (2 adults & 2 children)	1 space per unit	

Use class	Description of Development	Maximum car parking	Cycle parking standards
		standards	
C2	a) Institutions/homes with care	1 space per 5 residents' bed	1 s/t space per 20 beds
Residential institutions	staff on premises at all times	spaces	snld
	(excluding nursing homes,	plus 1 space per 2 staff (non	1 l/t space per 10 staff on duty at
	hospitals, residential schools,	resident):	any one time
	colleges or training centres)	parking for resident staff to be	
	The state of the s	based on general needs standard	
	b) Elderly persons residential &	0.25 spaces per resident bed	
	nursing homes (Category 3)	space: parking for resident staff to	
		be based on general needs	
		standard	
	c) Hospitals	1 space per 0.5 beds or to be	
		decided on individual merits	
		(including a full transport	
		assessment & proposals in a	
		green transport plan): special	-
91.0		hospitals must be considered	
		individually	
	d) Education – halls of residence	1 space per full -time staff plus 1	1 l/t space per 10 f/t staff
		space per 6 students (but with	snid
		linkage to student transport plans	1 l/t space per 3 students
	And a finished and a second and	where appropriate)	

Description of Development standards C3	+ + + +				
sidential ² a) General needs i) bedsits bedsit ii) 1 bedroom dwellings iii) 2 bedroom dwellings iv) 3 bedroom dwellings v) 4 or more bedroom dwellings b) Houses in multiple occupation (i.e. separate households sharing facilities) c) Elderly persons accommodation i) retirement dwellings — no warden control, 1 or 2 bedroom (Category 1) ii) Sheltered dwellings — warden 0.75 spaces per ten (i.e. separate households sharing convertion occupation (i.e. separate households sharing (i.e. separate house	Use class	Description of Development	Maximum car pa	rking	Cycle parking standards
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0.75 spaces per bedsit 0.75 spaces per dwelling 1.5 spaces per dwelling 2.0 spaces per dwelling 2.0 spaces per dwelling 0.5 spaces per ten visitor space	C3 Residential²	a) General needs	Zones 1 and 2	Elsewhere	1 l/t space per unit if no garage or
bedsit 0.75 spaces per dwelling 1 space per dwelling 2.0 spaces per dwelling 2.0 spaces per dwelling 0.5 spaces per ten visitor space visitor space		i) bedsits	0.75 spaces per	1.25 spaces per	
dwelling 1 space per dwelling 1.5 spaces per dwelling 2.0 spaces per dwelling 0.5 spaces per ten visitor space visitor space			bedsit	bedsit	
dwelling 1 space per dwelling 2.0 spaces per dwelling 0.5 spaces per ten 1.5 spaces per ten visitor space		ii) 1 bedroom dwellings	0.75 spaces per	1.25 spaces per	
1 space per dwelling 1.5 spaces per dwelling 2.0 spaces per dwelling 0.5 spaces per ten 1.5 spaces per unii visitor space			dwelling	dwelling	
dwelling 1.5 spaces per dwelling 2.0 spaces per dwelling 0.5 spaces per ten 1.5 spaces per unit		iii) 2 bedroom dwellings	1 space per	1.5 spaces per	
dwelling 2.0 spaces per dwelling 0.5 spaces per ten 0.5 spaces per unit visitor space			dwelling	dwelling	
dwelling 2.0 spaces per dwelling 0.5 spaces per ten 1.5 spaces per unit visitor space		iv) 3 bedroom dwellings	1.5 spaces per	2.25 spaces per	
			dwelling	dwelling	
		v) 4 or more bedroom dwellings	2.0 spaces per	3 spaces per	
			dwelling	dwelling	
		b) Houses in multiple occupation	0.5 spaces per ter	nancy unit	
		(i.e. separate households sharing			
		facilities)		-	
		c) Elderly persons accommodation	1.5 spaces per un	it including 0.25	1 s/t space per 3 units
		i) retirement dwellings – no	visitor space		snla
		warden control, 1 or 2 bedroom	-		1 I/t snace ner 5 units
		(Category 1)			
•		ii) Sheltered dwellings – warden control (Category 2)	0.75 space per un visitor space	it including 0.25	

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Use class	Description of Development	Maximum car parking	Cycle parking standards
	La Company of the Com	standards	
D1 Non – residential institutions	a) Public hall/places of assembly (excluding D2)	1 space per 9m² gfa or 1 space 3 fixed seats	1 s/t space per 200m² gfa
		plus 3 spaces per 4 staff	1 l/t space per 10 staff on duty at
	b) Community/family centres	1 space per 9m² gfa plus 1 space	מוץ סום וונום
		per full-time staff member or	
		equivalent	
	c) Day centres	1 space per 2 staff members plus	
		1 space per 3 persons attending	
		or 1 space per 9 m ² gfa	
	d) Places of worship	1 space per 10m² gfa	
	e) Surgeries & clinics	3 spaces per consulting room plus	1 s/t space per consulting room
		1 space per employee other than	plus 1 l/t space per 10 staff on
	Control of the Contro	consulting doctors/dentists/vets	duty at any one time
	f) Libraries, miscellaneous cultural	1 space per 30m ² gfa of	1 s/t space per 100m² afa
	puildings	freestanding development	snld snld
	A CHARLES OF THE STATE OF THE S	(otherwise assessed on merits)	1 l/t space per 10 f/t staff
	g) Miscellaneous cultural	2 spaces plus 1 space per 30m ²	
	buildings	of public floorspace	

Use class	Description of Development	Maximum car parking standards	Cycle parking standards
D1 Non-residential institutions	h) Educational establishments (including residential)		1 l/t space per 10 f/t staff
(continued)	(i) schools	1 space per full-time member of	primary school:
		plus 1 space per 100 pupils plus 1 space per 8 pupils over 17	1 l/t space per 15 students secondary school:
		years old plus 1 space per 20 pupils under 17 years old	1 l/t space per 5 students
	ii) further education	1 space per full-time member of	further education:
		staff plus 1 space per 5 full-time students	1 l/t space per 5 students
	iii) nursery schools/playgroups	1 space per 4 pupils	
			none additional
	Note: overspill parking for		
	community purposes (outside		
-	school day) should be catered for		
	by use of dual purpose surfaces		
A BOOK PATH TO THE	such as school play areas.		

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		Maximum cal parking	cycle parking standards
D2	a) Places of entertainment/leisure	To be decided in each each or	
Assembly & leisure	parks for use when individual land	individual merits: parking for	Off frient, depending upon mix of
	use components are known.	individual land use components	
		should be based on the standards	
		set out in this Guidance, but with	
		an overall reduction in provision to	
		reflect linked trips on site (all	
		parking should be shared and an	
		overall reduction of 25% should	
		form the starting point for	
		discussion)	
	b) Places of entertainment/leisure	1 space per 15m² gfa (shared	
	parks for use when individual land	parking)	
	use components are not known		
	c) Cinemas (including	1 space per 3 seats	Cinemas up to 500 seats:
	multiplexes)		1 s/t space per 20 seats
			snld
			1 l/t space per 10 staff on duty at
			any one time
			cinemas over 500 seats;
			25 s/t spaces plus 1 s/t space per
			100 seats in excess of 500
			plus 1 l/t space per 10 staff on
	The state of the s	·	duty at any one time

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Use class	Description	Maximum car parking	Cycle parking standards
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D2	d) Swimming pools	1 space per 15m² gfa	1 s/t space per 25m² ofa
Assembly & leisure (continued)	e) Tennis/badminton	4 spaces per court	plus 1 l/t space per 10 f/t staff
	f) Squash courts	3 spaces per court	
	g) Ice rinks	1 space per 12m ² gfa of rink	
	h) Fitness centres/sports clubs	1 space per 15m² qfa	
	i) Ten pin Bowling	4 spaces per lane	1 s/t space per 3 lanes or rink
	j) Indoor bowls	4 spaces per rink	snld
			1 s/t space per 25 spectator seats
	The state of the s		plus 1 l/t space per 10 f/t staff
	k) Outdoor sports grounds		1 s/t space per 10
	i) with football pitches	20 spaces per pitch	players/participants at busiest
	ii) without football pitches	50 spaces per hectare	period
	I) Golf	Transfer Control Contr	
	i) 18 hole golf course	100 spaces	10 l/t spaces per 18 holes
	ii) 9 hole golf course	60 spaces	5 l/t spaces per 9 holes
	iii) golf driving range	1.5 spaces per tee	5 s/t spaces per 20/30 tee driving
			range
	iv) golf courses larger than 18 holes &/or for more than local use	to be decided in each case on individual merits	pro rata to above

Use class	Description of Development	Maximum car parking	Cycle parking standards
		standards	
Motor trade related	a) Showroom car sales	3 spaces per 4 employees plus 1	1 l/t space per 10 f/t staff
		space per 10 cars displayed	
	b) Vehicle storage	3 spaces per 4 employees plus 2	_
		spaces per showroom spaces or	
-		provision at rate of 10% annual	
	The state of the s	furnover	
	c) Hire cars	3 spaces per 4 employees plus 1	-
-		space per 2 hire cars based at	
		site	
	d) Ancillary vehicle storage	3 spaces or 75% of total if more	
	Construction of the Constr	than 3 vehicles	
	e) Workshops	3 spaces per 4 employees plus 3	
		spaces per bay (for waiting &	
		finished vehicles) in addition to	
	e semble and a sem	repair bays	
	f) Tyre & Exhaust	3 spaces per 4 employees plus 2	
	All more recommendation of the property of the state of t	spaces per bay	
	g) Parts stores/sales	3 spaces per 4 employees plus 3	
	Transfer de la company de La Calabata.	spaces for customers	
	h) Car wash/petrol filling station	3 spaces per 4 employees plus 3	1 l/t space per 10 f/t staff
		waiting spaces per bay or run in	snid
		to rows of bays (additional parking	5 s/t spaces if shop includes
		is required where a shop is	
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Use class	Description of Development	Maximum car parking standards	Cycle parking standards
Passenger transport facilities a) Rail stations	a) Rail stations	To be decided in each case on	5 l/t spaces per peak period train
	b) Bus stations	To be decided in each case on	2 l/t spaces per 100 peak period
The state of the s		Individual merits	passengers

Car parking notes

gfa = gross floor area rfa = retail floor area

Cycle parking notes

Space = space to park 1 bicycle

L/t = long term

S/t = short term

F/t = full-time staff equivalents

L/t cycle parking provision at a ratio of 1 space per 10 f/t staff is equivalent to a modal split of 10% by bicycle

Provision of showers and changing facilities is also important id staff cycling is to be encouraged.

Parking Standards for Disabled Motorists

Notes	Description of Development	Minimum Car Parking Standards
1 The parking needs of	a) Employment generating development	
disabled motorists shall be met in full irrespective of location i.e. where the zonal procedure results in on-site	(i) up to 200 space car park (demand-based as calculated from above standards)	Individual spaces for each disabled employee plus 2 spaces or 5% of total capacity, whichever is greater
parking restraint, there shall be no corresponding reduction in disabled spaces.	(ii) more than 200 space car park (demand-based as calculated from above standards)	6 spaces plus 2% of total capacity
2 The number of disabled spaces specified are part of total capacity, not additional	b) Shops/premises to which the public have access/recreation	
	(i) up to 200 space car park (demand-based as calculated from above standards)	3 spaces or 6% of total capacity, whichever is greater
	(ii) more than 200 space car park (demand-based as calculated from above standards)	4 spaces plus 4% of total capacity
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	c) Residential	
	(i) General	1 space for every dwelling built to mobility standards
	(ii) Elderly persons dwellings up to 10 spaces (demand-based as calculated from above	3 spaces
	standards) more than 10 spaces (demand-	
The second state of the second	based as calculated from above standards)	

APPENDIX B

THE ZONING PROCESS

Appendix B: The Zoning Process

This appendix provides further details of the zoning process, described earlier in section 3 of this Guidance.

Definition of Zone Types

In the zoning process, there are 4 different types of zones, each giving a differing level of car parking restraint. These differing zone types are detailed in the table in paragraph 3.2 of this SPG.

In order to determine what zone type each cell in an urban area is, a number of criteria are taken into account, which determine the cells accessibility. These criteria are explained in detail later in this Appendix, but are:

- Proximity to Shopping
- Economic Health of the Town
- · Footway and Cycle links that create real alternatives to car usage
- Accessibility of the cell by passenger transport (bus and rail)

Each cell is then assigned a score for each of these criteria. A summary of the scoring for each criterion is detailed in Table B.1. A full explanation of the scoring for each of the criteria is detailed in full later in this Appendix.

Table B.1: Summary of Scoring Criteria

Criterion (and scoring basis)	
Proximity to shopping centre (based on PPG6 criteria).	:
Town Centre (best)	4
Suburbs (worst)	0
Economic health of the town (based on Structure Plan	and PPG6 criteria):
Major sub-regional centre (None in district)	4
Minor sub-regional centre (Welwyn Garden City)	3
Town centre (Hatfield)	2
Minor town centre (None in district)	1
Footway and cycle links creating real alternatives to ca	r use:
Best	2
Worst	0
Passenger transport accessibility:	
Best	6
Worst	0

The scores for each of these criteria are then added together, to give a total score for the cell. It is this total score that will determine the zone type of the cell.

The total score required for each zone type is dependant on each settlements position on the retail hierarchy. This is based upon the settlements position in

the retail hierarchy of settlements defined in Policy 16 of the adopted Hertfordshire Structure Plan. This hierarchy is:

- Major Sub-Regional Centre (highest)
- Minor Sub-Regional Centre
- Town Centre
- Minor Town Centres (as defined in local plans) (lowest)

The general rule is that the higher up the retail hierarchy a settlement is, the higher score that settlement's cells need in order to achieve zone types above zone type 4, i.e. in order for a cell to be classified as zone 3 or higher in a major sub-regional centre, it would need a score higher than that of a cell which is classified as a zone 3 or higher in a minor town centre. This is explained in more detail in Table B.2.

This scoring regime ensures that, for example, minor town centres are not made more attractive for development in terms of parking provision than in major sub-regional centres. Through the application of different scoring regimes for different types of settlement, according to its position on the retail hierarchy, one type of settlement does not instantly become a more preferred option for development due to lesser parking restraint.

Table B.2: Scoring Ranges for each Zone Type

Type of Settlement	Scores needed in order for a cell to be classified a				
1	Zone 1	Zone 2	Zone 3	Zone 4	
Major Sub- Regional Centre	15-12	11-8	7-5	4 or below	
Minor Sub- Regional Centre	14-11	10-7	6-4	3 or below	
Town Centre	13-10	9-6	5-3	2 or below	
Minor Town Centre	12-9	8-5	4-2	1 or 0	

In Welwyn Hatfield, there are three settlements that are defined under Policy 16 of the Structure Plan as being on the retail hierarchy, Welwyn Garden City, Hatfield, and Little Heath (part of Potters Bar).

Welwyn Garden City

Under Policy 16 of the Structure Plan, Welwyn Garden City is classed as a 'Minor Sub-Regional Centre.' Table B.3 details the scoring regime for cells in

Welwyn Garden City. Zonal maps for Welwyn Garden City are shown in Appendix C.

Table B.3: Welwyn Garden City (Minor Sub-Regional Centre)

	Zone Types				
	1	2	3	4	
Scores required for each zone	14-11	10-7	6-4	3 or below	
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Hatfield

Under the Policy 16 of the Structure Plan, Hatfield is defined as a 'Town Centre.' Table B.4 details the scoring regime that was used for cells in Hatfield. Zonal maps for Hatfield are shown in Appendix C.

Table B.4: Hatfield (Town Centre)

	Zone Types	Zone Types				
	1	2	3	4		
Scores required for each zone type	13-10	9-6	5-3	2 or below		

Little Heath

Under the Hertsmere Local Plan, Potters Bar is defined as a 'Minor Town Centre.' As Little Heath is a suburb of Potters Bar, the cells in Little Heath will be scored under the Minor Town Centre scoring criteria. Table B.5 details the scoring ranges required for each zone type in Little Heath. Zonal maps for Little Heath are shown in Appendix C.

Table B.5: Little Heath (Minor Town Centre)

	Zone Type				
	1	2	3	4	
Scores required for each zone type	12-9	8-5	4-2	1 or below	

Other Areas

As stated in paragraph 3.7 of this SPG, the following settlements in Welwyn Hatfield have been defined as urban areas:

Brookmans Park
Cuffley
Digswell
Oaklands & Mardley Heath

Welham Green Welwyn Woolmer Green

These settlements are not defined on the Structure Plan retail hierarchy, and are therefore not subject to the scoring regime detailed in Table B.2. However, paragraph 4.11 of the District Plan Review states that these settlements 'offer opportunities for sustainable development' where 'limited development will be allowed which is compatible with the maintenance and enhancement of their character and the maintenance of their green belt boundaries.' The zonal approach to car parking restraint can help to limit development in these settlements that can be viewed as insensitive to the character of these settlements, and their green belt boundaries.

Therefore, these settlements are defined as zone 4 parking restraint in their entirety. Zonal maps for these settlements are shown in Appendix C.

Details of Criteria and Scoring of each Criterion

Proximity to shopping centre

In line with the principles of Planning Policy Guidance Note 6 (PPG6): Town Centres and Retail Developments, the **town centre** is broadly assumed to be the retail/leisure core of the town. The cell that contains the retail/leisure core will be scored as such.

The **edge-of-centre** is assumed to be within about 300 metres easy walking distance of the retail/leisure core. Any cells within 300m easy walking distance of the retail/leisure core are classified as edge-of-centre, and will be scored as such.

Local Centres are situated in residential areas, and they complement the role of the two main town centres in the district. These are defined in Paragraph 13.10 of the District Plan Review as Large and Small Neighbourhood Centres. Any cells that contain local centres will scored as such

Other areas (described as **suburbs**) are areas that do not provide shopping facilities, and will receive no score for this criterion.

Table B.6: Scoring for Proximity to Shopping Centre Criterion

Definition of Shopping Centre	Score
Town Centre	3
Edge-of-Centre	2
Local Centre	1
Suburbs	0

Economic health of town

The cell that encompasses the retail/leisure core of the town can achieve a score between 1 and 4, depending upon the settlement's position on the retail hierarchy. The possible scores for the economic health of a town are detailed in Table B.7.

The retail/leisure core is the focus of attention because town centres are the preferred locations for new development in accordance with principles set out in PPG's 6 and 13.

In certain circumstances (perhaps where employment is the predominant activity), inclusion of additional parameters to measure the strength of the local economy may be considered.

In Welwyn Hatfield, only the cells that encompass the retail/leisure cores of Welwyn Garden City and Hatfield will score any points on this criterion³.

Table B.7: Scoring for Economic Health of Town Criterion

Position of town on retail hierarchy	Score
Major Sub-Regional Centre (none in district)	4
Minor Sub-Regional Centre (Welwyn Garden City)	3
Town Centre (Hatfield)	2
Minor Town Centre (none in district)	1

Footway and cycle links

Each cell can achieve a score ranging from 0 to 2, based on the criteria outlined in Table B.8.

In addition to this, the scoring of each cell for footway and cycle links takes into account any committed schemes with secured funding.

³ Potters Bar is classified as a 'Minor Town Centre' in the Hertsmere Local Plan. However, the retail/leisure core of Potters Bar is not situated in Little Heath. Therefore, no cells in Little Heath score any points for this criterion

Scoring for Footway and Cycle Links Criterion Table B.8:

Description	Score	Criteria
Best	2	Footway links:
		Pedestrianisation
		 Well lit and well used ("safe") pedestrian links between retail/leisure core and other centrally located land uses including wide and well maintained pavements, pedestrian-friendly crossing facilities and traffic calming measures Pedestrian routes avoid long detours, long waits, narrow alleyways or underpasses and are not generally segregated from the roadway or other activity
		Cycle links (excluding leisure routes):
		Highly developed cycle lanes (direct and continuous) linking residential areas and public transport interchanges to the retail leisure core and other centrally located land uses, likely to include cycle priority measures such as advanced stop lines and/or toucan crossings
Medium	1	Footway links:
		No pedestrianisation
		Reasonable pedestrian network: not convoluted, pavements of acceptable width and lighting standards, adequate pedestrian crossing facilities, possibly some speed reduction measures Cycle Links (excluding leisure routes):
		Some cycle linkage (cycle lanes and/or advisory routes) linking residential areas and/or public transport interchanges to the retail/leisure core and other centrally located land uses
1		This category can also include cells that have 'good' footway links, but 'poor' cycle links, and vice-versa.
Worst	0	Footway links:
		No pedestrianisation
The state of the s		 Poor pedestrian network: convoluted with substandard pavements, insufficient lighting, inadequate pedestrian crossing facilities no specific speed reduction measures Cycle links (excluding leisure routes):
		,
		No specific cycle linkage

Passenger Transport Accessibility

Scores for this criterion are based on the accessibility of each cell to public transport, namely bus and rail services, in terms of physical distance from such services and the service frequency and quality.

To receive any score for this criterion, a cell must be within 400m walking distance of a bus stop and/or 800m walking distance of a rail station. The scoring details for this criterion are detailed in Table B.9.

Rail accessibility criteria

- Maximum walking distance to rail station no more than 800m
- Peak period service frequency (minimum) 1 train every 15 minutes each direction
- Off peak service frequency (minimum) 1 train every 30 minutes each direction
- Good service coverage
- Rail station facilities are good

Bus accessibility criteria

- Maximum walk distance to bus stop/interchange no more than 400m
- Peak period service frequency (minimum) 1 bus every 15 minutes each direction
- Off peak service frequency (minimum) 1 bus every 30 minutes each direction
- Good service coverage
- Bus stop or interchange quality is good

Table B.9: Scoring for Passenger Transport Accessibility Criterion

Description	Score	Criteria
Best	6	Within 800m walk distance of a rail station with the above characteristics and 400m walk distance of a bus stop with the above characteristics
Good	5	Within 800m walk distance of a rail station without some of the above characteristics but within 400m walk distance of a bus stop with the above characteristics
Medium to Good	4	Nearest rail station beyond 800m walk distance but within 400m walk distance of a bus stop with the above characteristics
Poor to Medium	3	Within 400m walk distance of a bus stop with good service coverage peak period headway no greater than 30 minutes and an infrequent off peak service
Poor to Medium	2	Within 400m walk distance of a bus stop with limited service coverage, peak period headway no greater than 30 minutes but no infrequent off peak services
Very Poor	1	Within 400m walk distance of a bus stop with low frequency services and poor service coverage
Worst	0	No bus or rail option within walk distance (800m for rail, 400m for bus

Some cells that were studied did exhibit differing levels of accessibility for bus and rail services. To overcome such problems, the description which best fitted the rail criteria was determined, and the description which best fitted the bus service criteria was determined. The middle ground between each of these

scores was then determined to come up with a figure for passenger transport accessibility for the cell.

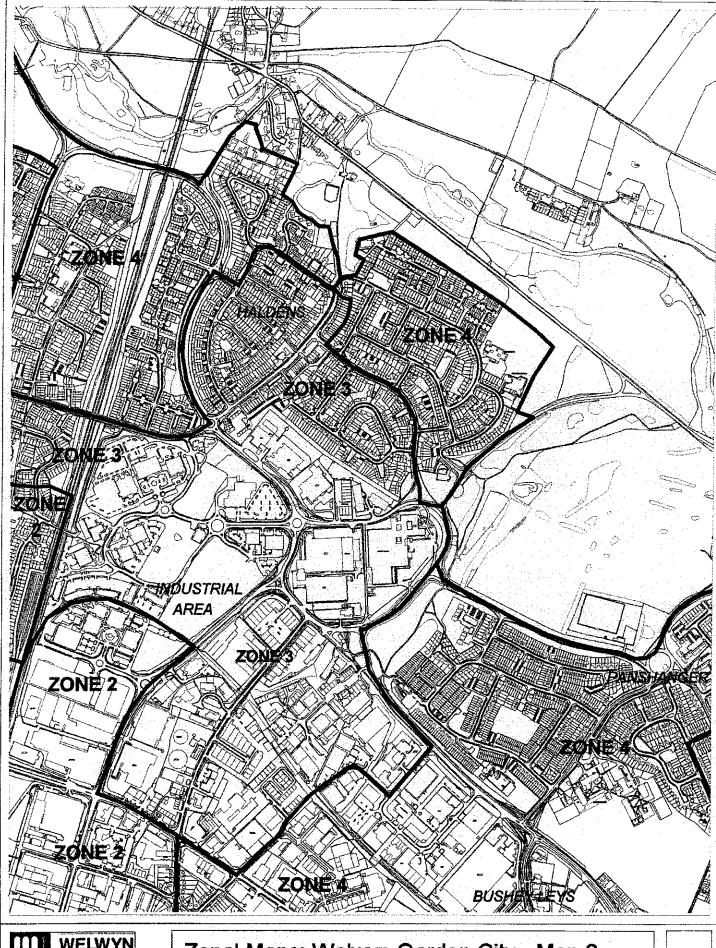
For example, a cell exhibits rail accessibility criteria worthy of the 'good' description (a score of 5), but exhibits bus accessibility worthy of the 'poor to medium' description (a score of 3), would be given a score of 4.

APPENDIX C

ZONAL MAPS OF URBAN AREAS IN WELWYN HATFIELD



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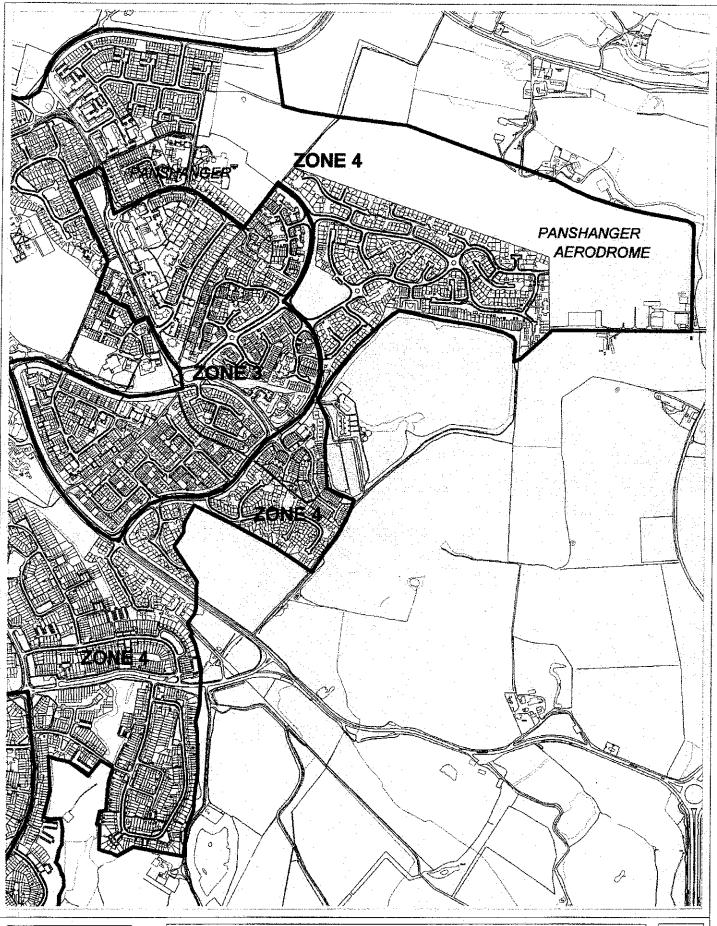


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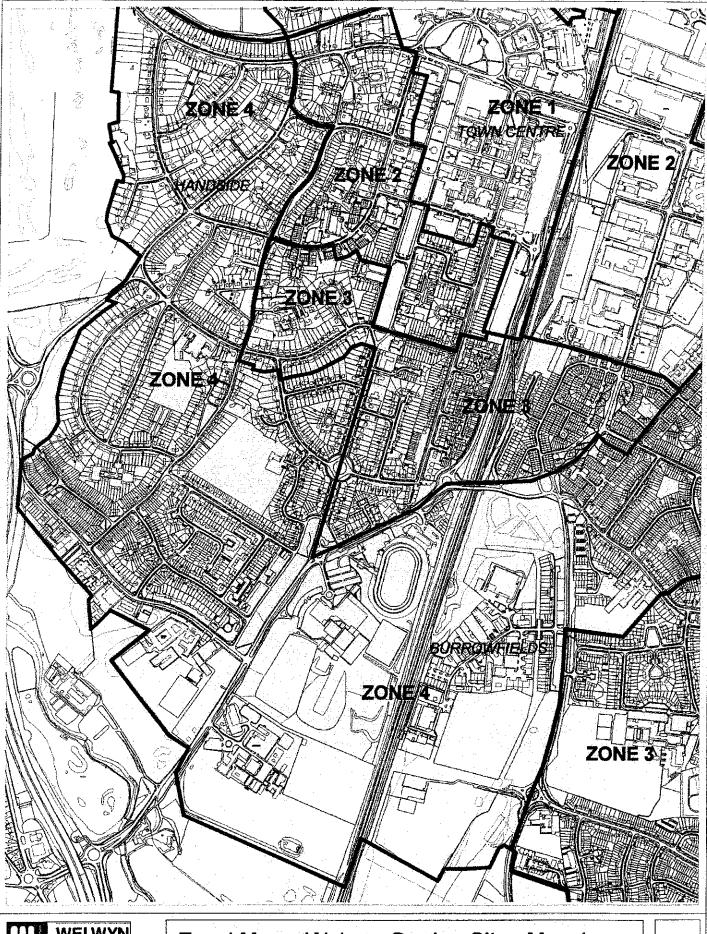
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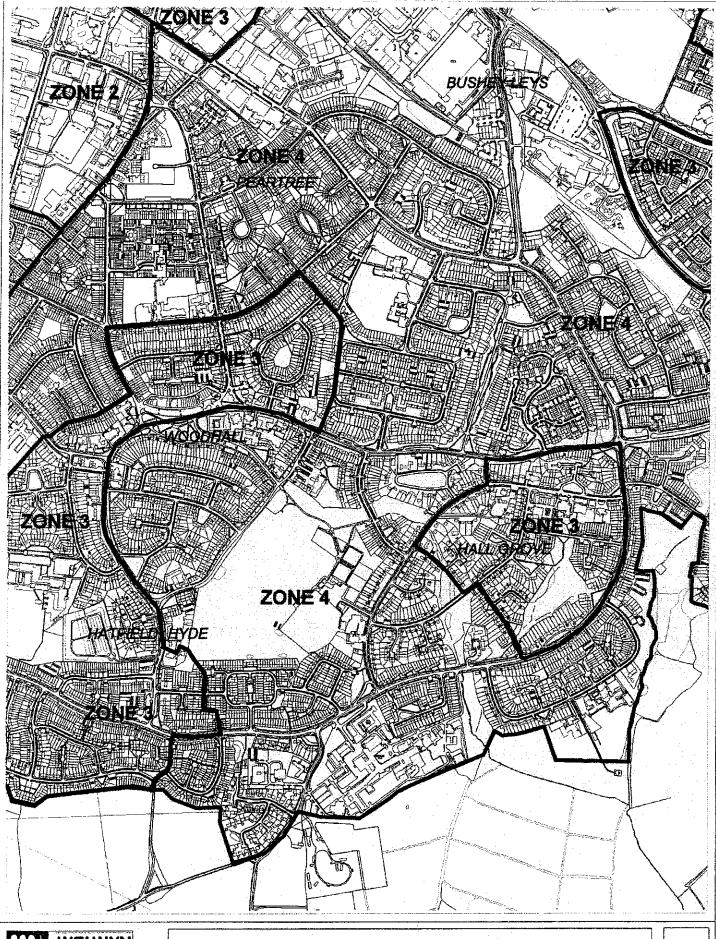
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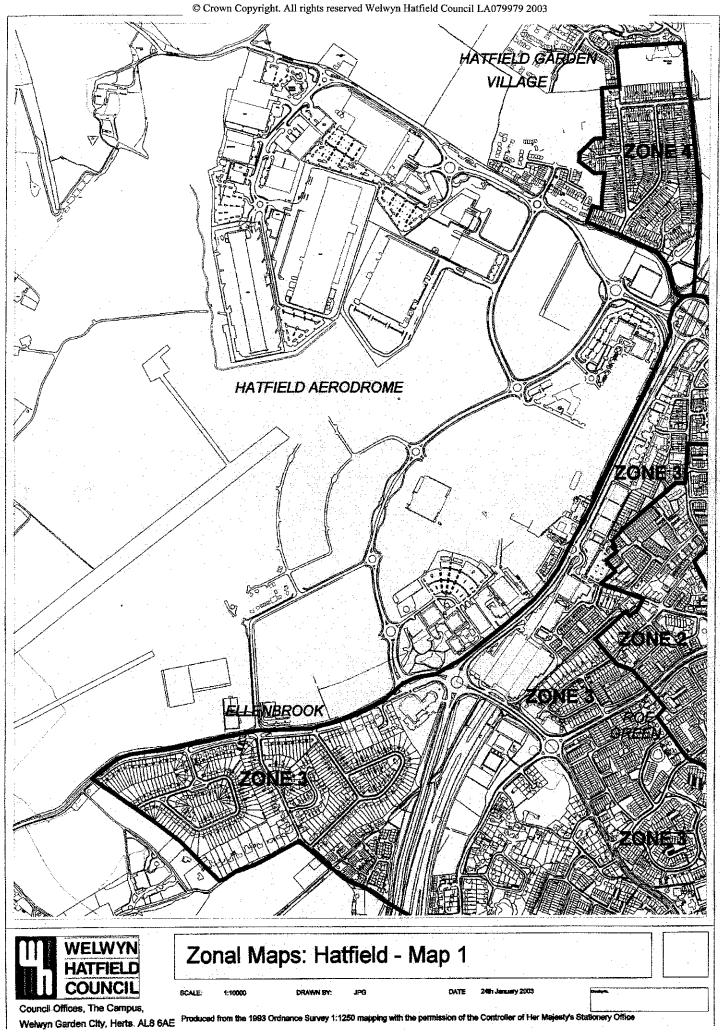
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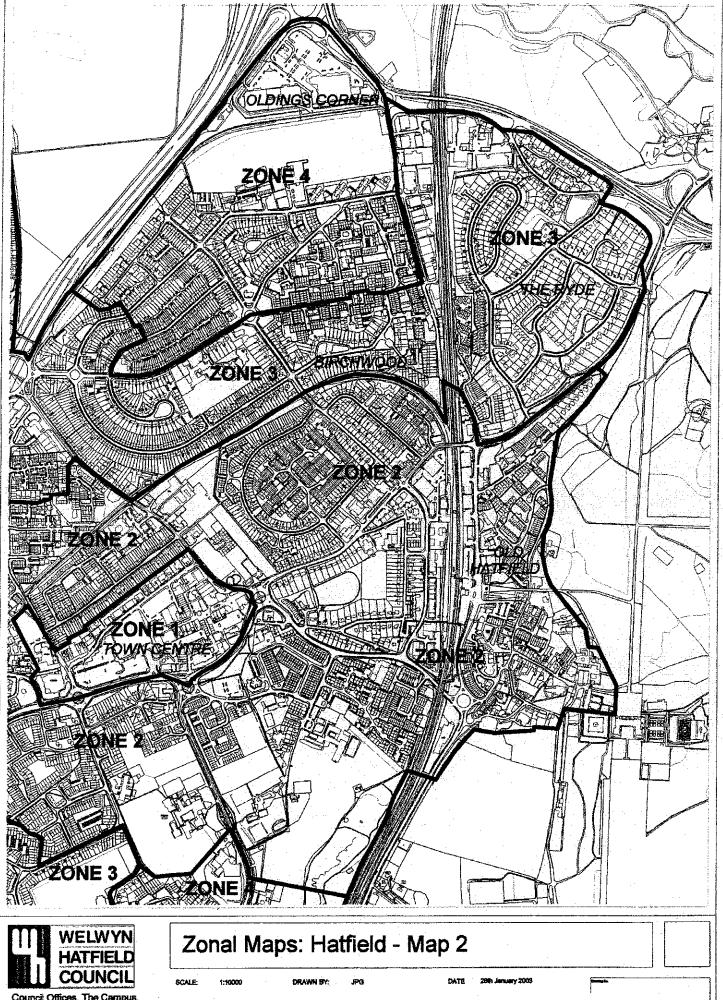
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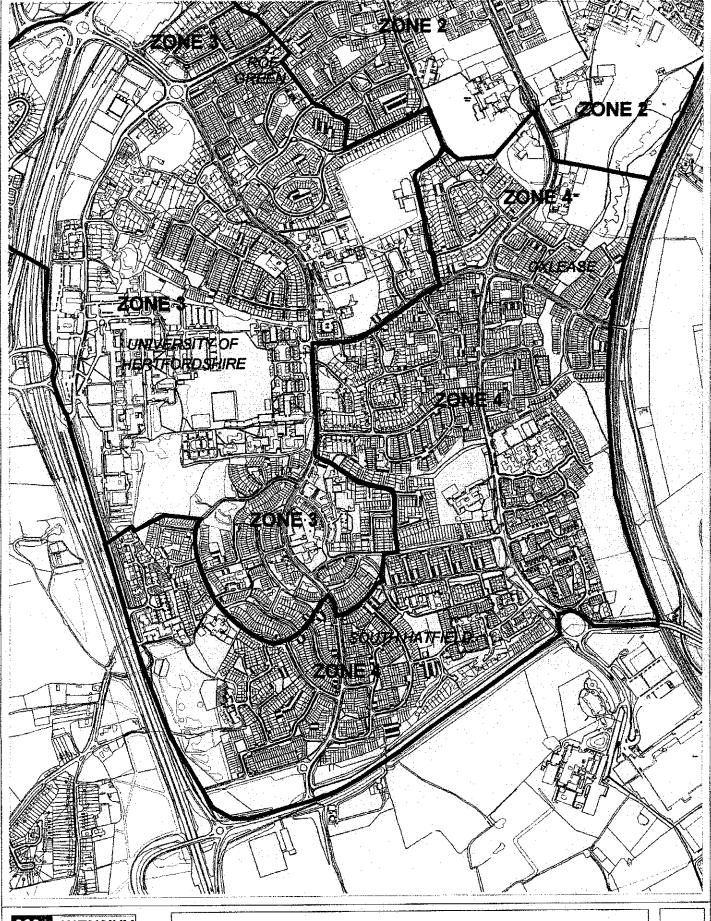


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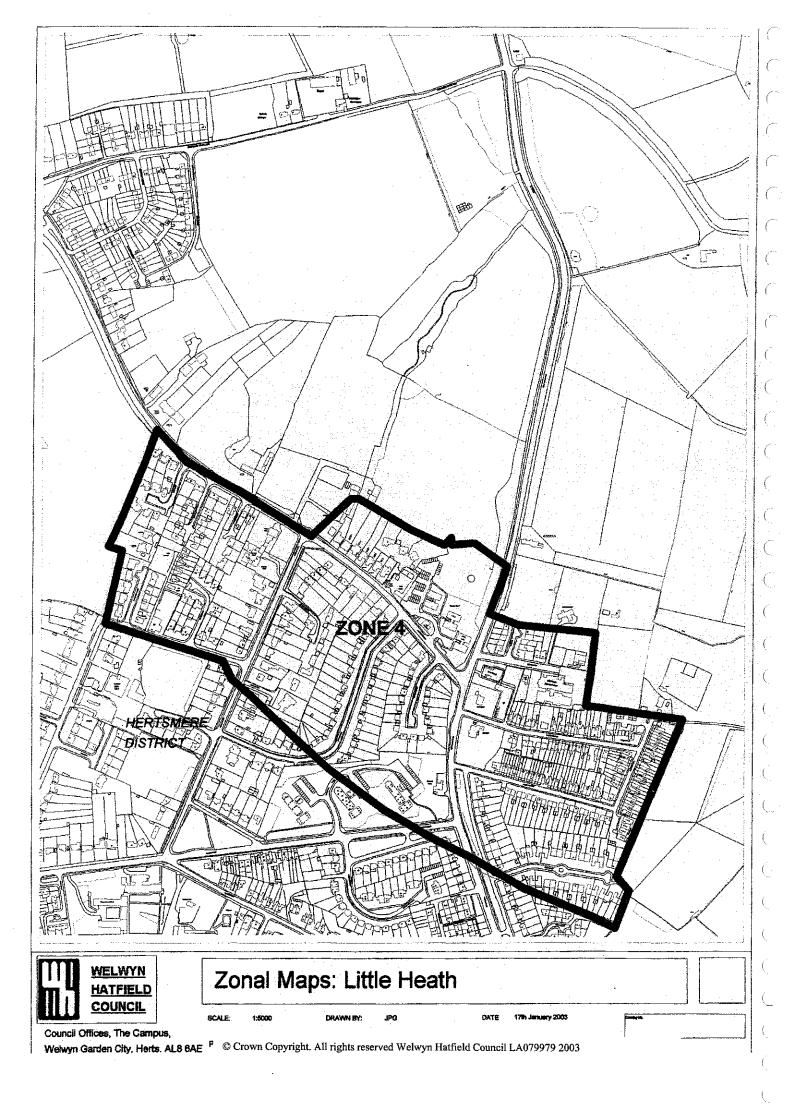
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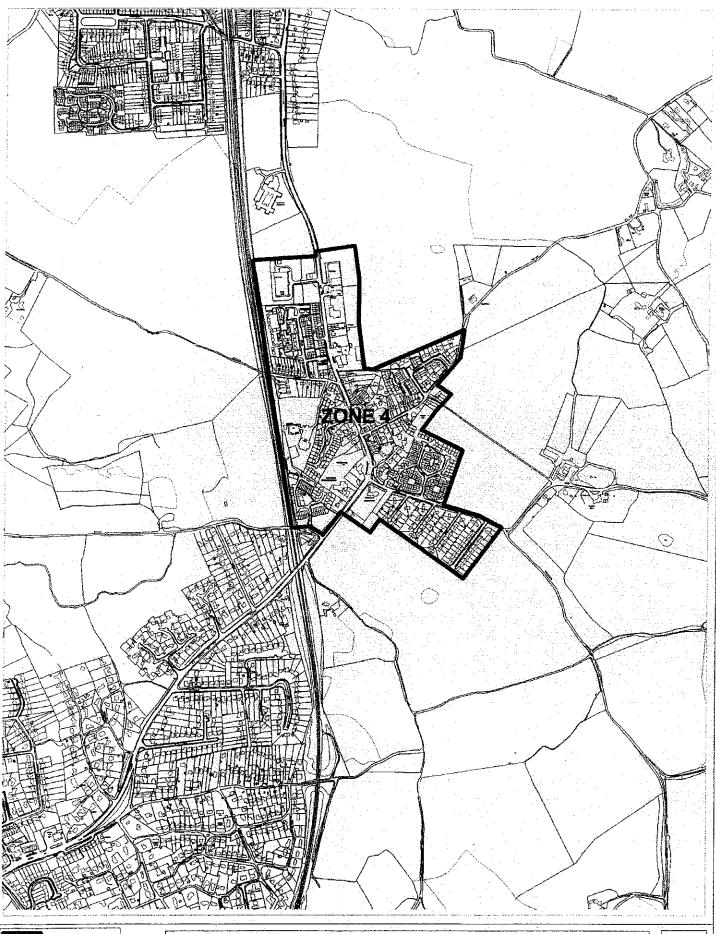
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