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Dear Sir

Welwyn Hatfield Local Plan Examination

I promised to write to you setting out the Council's programme for agreeing additional sites for debate at the examination into the Welwyn Hatfield Local Plan. At the Cabinet Planning and Parking Panel last night Members carefully considered your response to the Head of Planning's letter and in the light of your comments agreed the following programme.

The programme is an ambitious one. Meeting the key milestones will to a large extent be dependent on the number of sites promoted and the number of responses that are generated in response to the consultation.

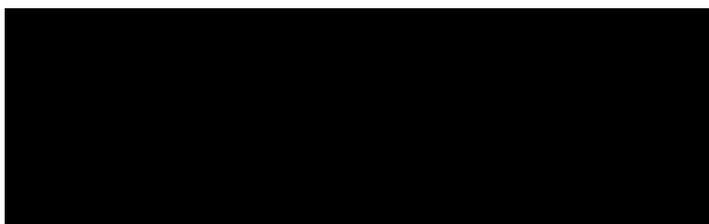
January 2019	New call-for-sites process, to be promoted through the Local Plan newsletter, social media and local newspapers.
February 2019	Publication of promoted new sites for public comment for 6 weeks. Those registered on the Local Plan consultation database will be notified either by letter or email. Copies of the document will be published online and in paper format which will be made available at the usual inspection points.
Spring 2019 (purdah)	Individual and cumulative analysis of sites by officers, utilising public comments, existing evidence, new green belt study and engagement with statutory bodies such as Herts County Council as highway and education authority.
Summer 2019 (after elections)	Officers to present analysis to CPPP and Cabinet to recommend any changes to brownfield assumptions, changes to existing sites (such as increased densities) and

	to identify any additional sites for allocation and release from the green belt.
Summer 2019	Submit new sites to inspector / examination.
Autumn 2019	Examination hearing sessions to take place on new sites, village sites and Symondshyde village.
Winter 2019	Modifications consultation.
Early 2020	Receipt of Inspector's Report.
Spring 2020	Adoption of Local Plan.

We consider that this timetable is the best way of ensuring that we are considering all available site options to achieve the objectively assessed housing need whilst also recognising the purpose and value of green belt land.

Should there be any change to this programme I will advise you accordingly.

Yours faithfully



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