



Extract from the
Draft Strategic Local
Plan 2011-2031 (SLP)

Ideas for our
Neighbourhood Plan

Basic Approach to the SLP

- Context
 - Introduction, Sources of Evidence, Sustainable Development, Neighbourhood Planning
 - Local context – sub-region, population, employment, challenges
- Vision Statement
- Strategic Objectives (1 to 7)
- Policies to Meet Objectives (1 to 30)

Example: Strategic Objective 3 – A Thriving Economy

- Objective:
 - Ensuring that the District becomes even more economically vibrant, reinforcing existing economic strengths in the higher-level knowledge and skills sectors. The District will offer employers a highly skilled and flexible workforce and individuals the very best opportunities to learn, train, start businesses and improve their employability.

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- Discussion
 - 16 paragraphs addressing issues such as:
 - Overview of the economy, high education level, environmental aspects, importance to the well-being of the district
 - Aims
 - Major sectors (finance, R&D, legal, retail, visitor, etc.)
 - Small vs large businesses
 - In and out commuting
 - The Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP)
 - Strategic Economic Plan (SEP)
 - Unique qualities
 - Opportunities
 - Primarily office work
 - Mix of accommodation
 - Land values
 - Re-generation of existing sites
 - Growth areas
 - Home working
 - Broadband

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- Policy SLP15 – Economic Prosperity and Employment
 - Provision for significant new employment development will be made within the East Hemel Hempstead Broad Locations – Mixed Use (SLP 13b).
 - Existing employment sites should be retained in employment use, unless genuinely unsuitable and unviable for employment-generating use, or if they are directly replaced by new sites. This includes all allocated employment sites (defined in the existing Development Plan until review through the DLP) and both allocated and unallocated offices, research and development facilities, light industry, general industry, warehousing and other B Class uses. Any exceptions to this rule will be detailed in the DLP.

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- Policy SLP15 – Economic Prosperity and Employment Ctd.
 - The Council will support and encourage the redevelopment of existing employment- generating sites for evolving employment uses, including for more intensive employment uses or for the provision of flexible business space and incubator units, taking into account the need to be compatible with local context, including design policies and impacts on residential amenity and highways.
 - Overall, in all settlements across the District, the Council will seek provision of sufficient land and floorspace to cater for full employment and to provide for different kinds of employment use. The scale and nature of provision will be appropriate to the size, character and function of the settlement.

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- Policy SLP15 – Economic Prosperity and Employment Ctd.
 - The District’s strong rural economy will be supported including in relation to agricultural diversification and the visitor economy, where consistent with NPPF and other Local Plan policies, including Metropolitan Green Belt (SLP2 and DLP policies). Local commercial uses, such as local shops and public houses in villages will be protected, due to their community value.
 - High-speed broadband and next-generation telecommunications will be supported, taking into account the need to be compatible with local context, including design policies and impacts on residential amenity and highways.