

Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council comments

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Welwyn Hatfield Council welcomes the assertions of partnership working and strategic problem solving in Policies SD2 and SD3, but clarifies that we would expect to be involved in debates about the wider city region, strategic infrastructure and growth locations where they are relevant to Welwyn Hatfield and to Hertfordshire as a whole.

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Welwyn Hatfield Council notes that Policy H1 sets a ten year target for each borough for the period 2019/2020 to 2028/2029. This totals to 65,000 dwellings per year. The plan recognises that this is a doubling of housing delivery compared to average completion rates, but the Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment anticipates that it can all be delivered on urban land and that no green belt land needs to be released. This Council therefore wishes to query how the London Plan intends to make provision for the extra 1,000 dwellings per year, and what might happen if the level of need continues to increase and/or presumed delivery rates cannot be achieved? It should be recognised that places such as Welwyn Hatfield have our own challenging targets which already necessitate development in the green belt and that no exported development should therefore be presumed in this borough.