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Thank you for consulting us on the Reg 18 of your Local Plan.

Given the extent of the Issues and Options that you have presented, we are not in a position to comment on all of them due to resourcing requirements. However, we have noted below the points that we feel are most important at this stage. We will continue to discuss matters with you through our Duty to Co-operate meetings to ensure the best outcomes for both Luton and North Herts. Our comments are high level pointers, and we are happy to discuss these points further with you as you progress.

NPPF 2024

We note that references to the NPPF throughout your document refer to the 2023 document. These should be updated to the 2024 document that was published in December 2024.

Local Housing Need

Para 5.6 refers to your current housing need which should be updated to reflect the LHN published in Dec 2024 of 1,082. We are interested to understand how these housing numbers will be distributed through Luton and what other options you may be considering for the provision of these numbers.

Luton Airport

We reserve the right to make comments regarding Luton airport at a later stage of the Local Plan process.

Climate Change/Biodiversity/Green and Blue Infrastructure

We support any options to promote adaptation to climate change and would like to see you be innovative and aspirational in the steps Luton can take to combat climate change. We are interested in the consideration of a 20% BNG requirement on developments and would support this aspiration, subject to evidence supporting this.

Sustainable Transport

We support the provision of sustainable transport in Luton and would support this network being expanded into neighbouring authorities to ensure that sustainable connections are made across the local area.

We will make further comments in due course, but for the time being we look forward to continuing to work with you as your Plan develops.

Many thanks

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