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District Plan Policy/Para No	Inspector's Recommendation	SBC Decision and Reasons	Proposed Modification	Modification Number:
8.1.1 Inspector's Rpt Rec Ref.: R546 - Page 459	That no changes be made to the Plan in response to this objection.	Recommendation accepted Reason: To accord with the Inspector's report No modification proposed		
8.2 Inspector's Rpt Rec Ref.: r547 - Page 460	That no changes be made to the Plan in response to this objection.	Recommendation accepted Reason: To accord with the Inspector's report No modification proposed		
L1 Inspector's Rpt Rec Ref.: R548 - Page 460	That no changes be made to the Plan in response to this objection.	Recommendation accepted Reason: To accord with the Inspector's report No modification proposed		
8.2.6 Inspector's Rpt Rec Ref.: R549 - Page 461	That no changes be made to the Plan in response to this objection.	Recommendation accepted Reason: To accord with the Inspector's report No modification proposed		

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8.2.8 Inspector's Rpt Rec Ref.: R550 - Page 461	That no changes be made to the Plan in response to this objection.	Recommendation accepted Reason: To accord with the Inspector's report No modification proposed		
L2 Inspector's Rpt Rec Ref.: R551 - Page 463	That no changes be made to the Plan in response to these objections.	Recommendation accepted Reason: To accord with the Inspector's report No modification proposed		
8.2.11 Inspector's Rpt Rec Ref.: R552 - Page 463	That no changes be made to the Plan in response to these objections.	Recommendation accepted Reason: To accord with the Inspector's report No modification proposed		
8.2.12 Inspector's Rpt Rec Ref.: R553 - Page 464	That no changes be made to the Plan in response to these objections.	Recommendation accepted Reason: To accord with the Inspector's report No modification proposed		

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8.2.13 Inspector's Rpt Rec Ref.: R554 - Page 464	That no changes be made to the Plan in response to these objections.	Recommendation accepted Reason: To accord with the Inspector's report No modification proposed		
L3 Inspector's Rpt Rec Ref.: R555 - Page 465	That no changes be made to the Plan in response to these objections.	Recommendation accepted Reason: To accord with the Inspector's report No modification proposed		
L4 Inspector's Rpt Rec Ref.: R557 - Page 467	That no further changes be made to the Plan in response to these objections.	Recommendation accepted Reason: To accord with the Inspector's report No modification proposed		

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L4 Inspector's Rpt Rec Ref.: R556 - Page 467	That criterion [C] of the policy be deleted and replaced with "IT CAN BE DEMONSTRATED THAT THE FACILITY IS NO LONGER NEEDED FOR EITHER THE PURPOSE PROVIDED OR AN APPROPRIATE AND VIABLE ALTERNATIVE LEISURE USE".	Recommendation accepted. Reason: To accord with the Inspector's report. C of policy L4 as recommended.	Modify policy L4 to delete criterion C and replace it with a new criterion C as follows: "IT CAN BE DEMONSTRATED THAT THE FACILITY IS NO LONGER NEEDED FOR Modify plan to delete and replace criterion APPROPRIATE AND VIABLE ALTERNATIVE LEISURE USE" Reason: To accord with the Inspector's report. Policy L4 now reads as follows: "DEVELOPMENT WHICH WOULD RESULT IN THE LOSS OF OR REDUCTION IN LEISURE FACILITIES WILL NOT BE PERMITTED UNLESS THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA ARE MET: (A) THE EXISTING FACILITY CAN BE SATISFACTORILY RELOCATED WITHIN THE DEVELOPMENT PROPOSAL; OR (B) THE FACILITY IS REPLACED IN AN APPROPRIATE ALTERNATIVE LOCATION; OR (C) IT CAN BE DEMONSTRATED THAT THE FACILITY IS NO LONGER NEEDED FOR EITHER THE PURPOSE PROVIDED OR AN APPROPRIATE AND VIABLE ALTERNATIVE LEISURE USE."	506/1591/E/L4 EITHER THE

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L5 Inspector's Rpt Rec Ref.: R558 - Page 468	That no changes be made to the Plan in response to this objection.	Recommendation accepted Reason: To accord with the Inspector's report No modification proposed		
L6 Inspector's Rpt Rec Ref.: R559 - Page 469	That no changes be made to the Plan in response to these objections.	Recommendation accepted Reason: To accord with the Inspector's report No modification proposed		
L7 Inspector's Rpt Rec Ref.: R560 - Page 469	That no changes be made to the Plan in response to this objection.	Recommendation accepted Reason: To accord with the Inspector's report No modification proposed		
8.3.4 Inspector's Rpt Rec Ref.: R561 - Page 470	That no changes be made to the Plan in response to these objections	Recommendation accepted Reason: To accord with the Inspector's report No modification proposed		

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L8 Inspector's Rpt Rec Ref.: R562 - Page 470	That Pre-Inquiry changes 5173, 5174 and 5175 be accepted and subjected to the necessary statutory procedures.	<p>Recommendation accepted.</p> <p>Reason: To accord with the Inspector's report.</p> <p>Modify plan to incorporate Pre-inquiry Changes 5173, 5174 and 5175.</p>	<p>Modify policy L8 in accordance with Pre-inquiry Changes 5173, 5174 and 5175 to add "COMMUNITY" before "SCHOOL OR PRIVATE" in the first line.</p> <p>Reason: To accord with the Inspector's report.</p> <p>Policy L8 now reads as follows: "DEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS FOR THE DUAL USE OF COMMUNITY, SCHOOL OR PRIVATE INDOOR AND OUTDOOR LEISURE, SOCIAL AND COMMUNITY FACILITIES WILL BE CONSIDERED FAVOURABLY WHERE THEY ARE SITED IN LOCATIONS THAT ARE ACCESSIBLE BY A RANGE OF TRANSPORT MODES INCLUDING PASSENGER TRANSPORT, CYCLING AND WALKING. PROPOSALS WILL BE PERMITTED SUBJECT TO THERE BEING NO ADVERSE EFFECT ON THE RESIDENTIAL AMENITIES OF THE AREA AND THE LOCAL ENVIRONMENT."</p>	506/1597/E/L8
L8 Inspector's Rpt Rec Ref.: R563 - Page 470	That no further changes be made to the plan in response to these objections.	<p>Recommendation accepted</p> <p>Reason: To accord with the Inspector's report</p> <p>No modification proposed</p>		

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L9 Inspector's Rpt Rec Ref.: R564 - Page 471	That Further Proposed Change 6326 be accepted and subjected to the necessary statutory procedures.	Recommendation accepted. Reason: To accord with the Inspector's report. Modify plan to incorporate Further Proposed Change 6326.	Modify policy L9 in accordance with Further Proposed Change 6326 as follows: 1. Replace "facilities will be required to be provided in new neighbourhood centres which can be used as play centres" in the frst paragraph with "the provision of faciliites which can be used as play centres will be sought in new neighbourhood centres." Reason: To accord with the Inspector's report. Policy L9 now reads as follows: "IN MAJOR RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENTS, THE PROVISION OF FACILITIES WHICH CAN BE USED AS PLAY CENTRES WILL BE SOUGHT IN NEW NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRES. PROPOSALS FOR PLAY CENTRE PROVISION WITHIN EXISTING AND PROPOSED NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRES SHOULD BE INTEGRATED WITH OTHER LEISURE AND COMMUNITY USES WHEREVER PRACTICABLE. ANY PROPOSAL WHICH INCREASES PLAY CENTRE PROVISION WILL BE PERMITTED PROVIDING THAT THERE ARE NO ADVERSE IMPACTS ON RESIDENTIAL AMENITY OR THE LOCAL ENVIRONMENT."	506/1599/E/L9

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L9 Inspector's Rpt Rec Ref.: R565 - Page 471	That no further changes be made to the plan in response to these objections.	Recommendation accepted Reason: To accord with the Inspector's report No modification proposed		

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8.4.5 Inspector's Rpt Rec Ref.: R566 - Page 473	<p>That the final sentence of paragraph 8.4.5 be deleted and be replaced with the following:</p> <p>"If this is the case part or all of the existing open space at Meadway Park may no longer be available for formal recreation, in terms of size, shape and supporting facilities. Policy SW9 deals with this situation if it occurs".</p>	<p>Recommendation accepted.</p> <p>Reason: To accord with the Inspector's report.</p> <p>Modify plan to amend paragraph 8.4.5 as recommended.</p>	<p>Modify paragraph 8.4.5 to the delete the final sentence and replace it with the following:</p> <p>"If this is the case part or all of the existing open space at Meadway Park may no longer be available for formal recreation, in terms of size, shape and supporting facilities. Policy SW9 deals with this situation if it occurs."</p> <p>Reason: To accord with the Inspector's report.</p> <p>Paragraph 8.4.5 now reads as follows:</p> <p>"To facilitate access to the strategic housing development at Stevenage West, four potential transport crossings have been identified in Policy SW7. If implemented one of these crossings would run through Meadway Park. As the construction of new transport links is essential for providing access to the proposed development, an overriding need may exist for justifying an exception to Policy L10 and permitting the loss of part of Meadway Park. If this is the case part or all of the existing open space at Meadway Park may no longer be available for formal recreation, in terms of size, shape and supporting facilities. Policy SW9 deals with this situation if it occurs."</p>	506/1601/E/8.4.5

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8.4.5 Inspector's Rpt Rec Ref.: R567 - Page 472	That no further changes be made to the plan in response to these objections.	Recommendation accepted Reason: To accord with the Inspector's report No modification proposed		
L10 Inspector's Rpt Rec Ref.: R568 - Page 473	That no changes be made to the plan in response to these objections.	Recommendation accepted Reason: To accord with the Inspector's report No modification proposed		
8.5.3 (deleted) Inspector's Rpt Rec Ref.: R572 - Page 477	That no changes be made to the Plan in response to these objections.	Recommendation accepted Reason: To accord with the Inspector's report No modification proposed		
8.5.3 Inspector's Rpt Rec Ref.: R573 - Page 478	That no changes be made to the Plan in response to these objections.	Recommendation accepted Reason: To accord with the Inspector's report No modification proposed		

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8.5.4 Inspector's Rpt Rec Ref.: R573 - Page 478	That no changes be made to the Plan in response to these objections.	Recommendation accepted Reason: To accord with the Inspector's report No modification proposed		
TABLE L1 Inspector's Rpt Rec Ref.: R574 - Page 479	That no changes be made to the Plan in response to these objections.	Recommendation accepted Reason: To accord with the Inspector's report No modification proposed		
8.5.5 Inspector's Rpt Rec Ref.: R575 - Page 480	That no changes be made to the Plan in response to these objections.	Recommendation accepted Reason: To accord with the Inspector's report No modification proposed		
8.5.9 Inspector's Rpt Rec Ref.: R576 - Page 481	That no changes be made to the Plan in response to these objections.	Recommendation accepted Reason: To accord with the Inspector's report No modification proposed		

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8.5.12 Inspector's Rpt Rec Ref.: R577 - Page 481	That no changes be made to the Plan in response to these objections.	Recommendation accepted Reason: To accord with the Inspector's report No modification proposed		
L12 Inspector's Rpt Rec Ref.: R578 - Page 483	That no changes be made to the Plan in response to these objections.	Recommendation accepted Reason: To accord with the Inspector's report No modification proposed		
8.5.15 Inspector's Rpt Rec Ref.: R579 - Page 484	That no changes be made to the Plan in response to these objections.	Recommendation accepted Reason: To accord with the Inspector's report No modification proposed		
L13 Inspector's Rpt Rec Ref.: R580 - Page 485	That no changes be made to the Plan in response to these objections.	Recommendation accepted Reason: To accord with the Inspector's report No modification proposed		

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8.6.1 Inspector's Rpt Rec Ref.: R581 - Page 487	That no changes be made to the Plan in response to these objections.	Recommendation accepted Reason: To accord with the Inspector's report No modification proposed		
8.6.4 (deleted) Inspector's Rpt Rec Ref.: R582 - Page 487	That no changes be made to the Plan in response to these objections.	Recommendation accepted Reason: To accord with the Inspector's report No modification proposed		
8.6.5 (deleted) Inspector's Rpt Rec Ref.: R583 - Page 488	That no changes be made to the Plan in response to these objections.	Recommendation accepted Reason: To accord with the Inspector's report No modification proposed		
8.6.4 Inspector's Rpt Rec Ref.: R584 - Page 488	That no changes be made to the Plan in response to these objections.	Recommendation accepted Reason: To accord with the Inspector's report No modification proposed		

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8.6.7 (deleted) Inspector's Rpt Rec Ref.: R585 - Page 489	That no changes be made to the Plan in response to these objections.	Recommendation accepted Reason: To accord with the Inspector's report No modification proposed		
8.6.8 (deleted) Inspector's Rpt Rec Ref.: R586 - Page 489	That no changes be made to the Plan in response to these objections.	Recommendation accepted Reason: To accord with the Inspector's report No modification proposed		
8.6.7 Inspector's Rpt Rec Ref.: R588 - Page 490	That no further changes be made to the Plan in response to these objections.	Recommendation accepted Reason: To accord with the Inspector's report No modification proposed		

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8.6.7 Inspector's Rpt Rec Ref.: R587 - Page 490	That Pre Inquiry Change 5176 be accepted and subjected to the necessary statutory procedures.	<p>Recommendation accepted.</p> <p>Reason: To accord with the Inspector's report.</p> <p>Modify plan to incorporate Pre-inquiry Change 5176.</p>	<p>Modify paragraph 8.6.7 in accordance with Pre-inquiry Change 5176 to replace "required" with "sought" in the final sentence.</p> <p>Reason: To accord with the Inspector's report.</p> <p>Paragraph 8.6.7 now reads as follows: "With respect to outdoor sports facilities other than sports pitches such as tennis courts and bowling greens, the Borough Council would encourage developments to incorporate facilities on site in accordance with local standards where facilities are of a size and standard that allows efficient use and management. This would reduce the contribution that would be sought for improving local facilities."</p>	506/1629/E/8.6.7
8.6.12 (deleted) Inspector's Rpt Rec Ref.: R589 - Page 491	That no changes be made to the Plan in response to these objections.	<p>Recommendation accepted</p> <p>Reason: To accord with the Inspector's report</p> <p>No modification proposed</p>		

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L15 Inspector's Rpt Rec Ref.: R591 - Page 492	That no further changes be made to the Plan in response to these objections.	Recommendation accepted Reason: To accord with the Inspector's report No modification proposed		
L15 Inspector's Rpt Rec Ref.: R590 - Page 492	That Pre-Inquiry Change 5177 be accepted and subjected to the necessary statutory procedures.	Recommendation accepted. Reason: To accord with the Inspector's report. Modify plan to incorporate Pre-inquiry Change 5177.	Modify policy L15 in accordance with Pre-inquiry Change 5177 to replace "required" with "sought" in the second sentence. Reason: To accord with the Inspector's report. Policy L15 now reads as follows: "IN RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENTS WHERE IT IS NOT VIABLE FOR USABLE PLAYING FIELDS OR OTHER OUTDOOR SPORTS FACILITIES TO BE PROVIDED ON SITE, COMMUTED PAYMENTS WILL BE SOUGHT TO CONTRIBUTE TOWARDS THE PROVISION OR IMPROVEMENT OF NEARBY OUTDOOR SPORTS FACILITIES."	506/1632/E/L15

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8.6.10 Inspector's Rpt Rec Ref.: R592 - Page 493	That Pre-Inquiry Changes 5178 and 5179 be accepted and subjected to the necessary statutory procedures.	<p>Recommendation accepted.</p> <p>Reason: To accord with the Inspector's report.</p> <p>Modify plan to incorporate Pre-inquiry Changes 5178 and 5179</p>	<p>Paragraph 8.6.10 has been amended in accordance with Pre-inquiry Change 5178 to replace "required" with "sought" in the second and final sentences.</p> <p>Reason: To accord with the Inspector's report.</p> <p>Paragraph 8.6.10 now reads as follows: "Most areas of Stevenage have qualitative deficiencies in terms of LAP, LEAP and NEAP coverage. If an area is adequately provided for in terms of play space provision and a new development would not result in a deficiency being created in relation to the provision of LAP's, LEAP's or NEAP's, on site provision or commuted sums will not be sought. Opportunities may arise where play space facilities could be provided more efficiently by improving existing play facilities in the locality rather than making on site provision in a new development. Where this could be achieved without creating a deficiency in children's play space, the Borough Council will discuss the positioning and provision of facilities with developers. Contributions in the form of commuted sums may be sought to facilitate this."</p> <p>See proposed modifications to policy L16 (Ref: 506/1634/E/L16)</p>	506/1813/E/8.6.10

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L16 Inspector's Rpt Rec Ref.: R593 - Page 493	That no further changes be made to the Plan in response to these objections.	Recommendation accepted Reason: To accord with the Inspector's report No modification proposed		

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L16 Inspector's Rpt Rec Ref.: R592 - Page 493	That Pre-Inquiry Changes 5178 and 5179 be accepted and subjected to the necessary statutory procedures.	<p>Recommendation accepted.</p> <p>Reason: To accord with the Inspector's report.</p> <p>Modify plan to incorporate Pre-inquiry Changes 5178 and 5179</p>	<p>Policy L16 has been amended in accordance with Pre-inquiry Change 5179 to replace "required" with "sought" in the second paragraph.</p> <p>Reason: To accord with the Inspector's report.</p> <p>Policy L16 now reads as follows: "RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS WILL BE REQUIRED TO PROVIDE CHILDREN'S PLAY SPACE IN ACCORDANCE WITH NPFA (NATIONAL PLAYING FIELDS ASSOCIATION) STANDARDS AT A MINIMUM RATIO OF 0.8 HECTARES PER 1,000 POPULATION. PROPOSALS FOR CHILDREN'S PLAY SPACE WILL BE REQUIRED TO MEET THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA:</p> <p>(A) PROVIDE COHERENT, USABLE UNITS OF AT LEAST 400 SQUARE METRES IN SIZE WITH PLAY SPACE PROVISION DESIGNED TO INCORPORATE LANDSCAPING, PLAY EQUIPMENT AND OTHER FEATURES IN ACCORDANCE WITH NPFA STANDARDS; AND</p> <p>(B) BE ACCESSIBLE AND WELL LOCATED WITHIN WALKING DISTANCE OF THE DEVELOPMENT THEY SERVE.</p> <p>IN DEVELOPMENTS OF LESS THAN 15 DWELLINGS, OR IN ACCEPTABLE HIGH DENSITY SCHEMES, WHERE IT IS NOT VIABLE FOR ADEQUATE CHILDREN'S</p>	506/1634/E/L16

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PLAY SPACE TO BE PROVIDED, COMMUTED PAYMENTS WILL BE SOUGHT TO CONTRIBUTE TOWARDS THE PROVISION OR IMPROVEMENT OF NEARBY CHILDREN'S PLAY SPACE.

IF A DEVELOPMENT PROPOSAL WOULD NOT ADD TO OR CREATE A QUANTITATIVE OR QUALITATIVE DEFICIENCY OF CHILDREN'S PLAY SPACE PROVISION IN A NEIGHBOURHOOD, AN EXCEPTION TO THE REQUIREMENT FOR DEVELOPMENTS TO MAKE PROVISION FOR CHILDREN'S PLAY SPACE WILL BE PERMITTED."

See proposed modifications to paragraph 8.6.10 (Ref: 506/1813/E/8.6.10)

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Inspector's Rpt Rec Ref.:
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That no changes be made to the Plan in response to these objections.

Recommendation accepted

Reason: To accord with the Inspector's report

No modification proposed

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L17 Inspector's Rpt Rec Ref.: R595 - Page 495	That no changes be made to the Plan in response to these objections.	Recommendation accepted Reason: To accord with the Inspector's report No modification proposed		
8.6.16 Inspector's Rpt Rec Ref.: R597 - Page 496	That no further changes be made to the Plan in response to these objections.	Recommendation accepted Reason: To accord with the Inspector's report No modification proposed		
8.6.16 Inspector's Rpt Rec Ref.: R596 - Page 496	That the words "which is not adopted by the Borough Council will be covenanted" be deleted from Reasoned Justification 8.6.17 and replaced with "will be subject to controls".	Recommendation accepted. Reason: To accord with the Inspector's report. Modify plan to amend paragraph 8.6.17 as recommended.	See proposed modifications to paragraph 8.6.17 (Ref: 506/1817/E/8.6.17)	506/1638/E/8.6.16

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8.6.17 Inspector's Rpt Rec Ref.: R598 - Page 496	That Further Proposed Change 6329 be accepted and subjected to the necessary statutory procedures.	Recommendation accepted. Reason: To accord with the Inspector's report. Modify plan to incorporate Further Proposed Change 6329.	Modify paragraph 8.6.17 in accordance with Further Proposed Change 6329 as follows: Replace "Developers will therefore be required" in the first sentence with "The Borough Council will seek, or, where appropriate, require developers". Reason: To accord with the Inspector's report. Paragraph 8.6.17 now reads as follows: "The Borough Council will seek, or, where appropriate, require developers to enter into obligations which ensure that commuted sums are provided to cover the maintenance costs of open space adopted by the Borough Council for a fixed period of time. It is therefore in the interests of developers, and those responsible for the management of open space, that the design and layout of formal and informal open space allows long term cost effective management to take place. Where commuted sums are offered towards the provision of new open space or the improvement of existing open space, instead of on site provision, the commuted sum will be calculated to incorporate a contribution towards maintenance costs. Detailed guidance on planning obligations relating to the provision of open space will be provided in Supplementary Planning Guidance. Open space provided within developments will be subject to controls to	506/1640/E/8.6.17

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8.6.17 Inspector's Rpt Rec Ref.: R599 - Page 496	That no further changes be made to the Plan in response to this objection.	Recommendation accepted Reason: To accord with the Inspector's report No modification proposed	ensure that the land is retained for open space use.	

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<p>8.6.17</p> <p>Inspector's Rpt Rec Ref.: R596 - Page 496</p>	<p>That the words "which is not adopted by the Borough Council will be covenanted" be deleted from Reasoned Justification 8.6.17 and replaced with "will be subject to controls".</p>	<p>Recommendation accepted.</p> <p>Reason: To accord with the Inspector's report.</p> <p>Modify plan to amend paragraph 8.6.17 as recommended.</p>	<p>Modify paragraph 8.6.17 to replace "which is not adopted by the Borough Council will be covenanted" with "will be subject to controls" in the final sentence.</p> <p>Reason: To accord with the Inspector's report.</p> <p>Paragraph 8.6.17 now reads as follows: "The Borough Council will seek, or, where appropriate, require developers to enter into obligations which ensure that commuted sums are provided to cover the maintenance costs of open space adopted by the Borough Council for a fixed period of time. It is therefore in the interests of developers, and those responsible for the management of open space, that the design and layout of formal and informal open space allows long term cost effective management to take place. Where commuted sums are offered towards the provision of new open space or the improvement of existing open space, instead of on site provision, the commuted sum will be calculated to incorporate a contribution towards maintenance costs. Detailed guidance on planning obligations relating to the provision of open space will be provided in Supplementary Planning Guidance. Open space provided within developments will be subject to controls to ensure that the land is retained for open space use.</p>	<p>506/1817/E/8.6.17</p>

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<p>L18</p> <p>Inspector's Rpt Rec Ref.: R601 - Page 497</p>	<p>That no further changes be made to the Plan in response to these objections.</p>	<p>Recommendation accepted</p> <p>Reason: To accord with the Inspector's report</p> <p>No modification proposed</p>		
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L18 Inspector's Rpt Rec Ref.: R600 - Page 497	That Further Proposed Change 6328 be accepted and subjected to the necessary statutory procedures.	<p>Recommendation accepted.</p> <p>Reason: To accord with the Inspector's report.</p> <p>Modify plan to incorporate Further Proposed Change 6328.</p>	<p>Modify policy L18 in accordance with Further Proposed Change 6328 as follows:</p> <p>Replace "with an agreed commuted sum to cover maintenance" in the second sentence with "A commuted sum to cover maintenance will be sought or, where appropriate, required by the Borough Council"</p> <p>Reason: To accord with the Inspector's report.</p> <p>Policy L18 now reads as follows: "NEW FORMAL AND INFORMAL OPEN SPACES PROVIDED WITHIN DEVELOPMENTS WILL BE REQUIRED TO BE OFFERED FOR ADOPTION BY THE BOROUGH COUNCIL. A COMMUTED SUM TO COVER MAINTENANCE WILL BE SOUGHT, OR WHERE APPROPRIATE, REQUIRED, BY THE BOROUGH COUNCIL. ALTERNATIVELY, OPEN SPACE PROVIDED WITHIN DEVELOPMENTS WILL BE SUBJECT TO COVENANTED, LONG TERM, COMMUNITY MANAGEMENT ARRANGEMENTS. THE DESIGN AND LAYOUT OF OPEN SPACE PROVIDED WITHIN DEVELOPMENTS WILL BE REQUIRED TO FACILITATE LONG TERM COST EFFECTIVE MAINTENANCE OF THE OPEN SPACE."</p>	506/1642/E/L18

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<p>8.7.2</p> <p>Inspector's Rpt Rec Ref.: R602 - Page 498</p>	<p>That no changes be made to the Plan in response to this objection.</p>	<p>Recommendation accepted</p> <p>Reason: To accord with the Inspector's report</p> <p>No modification proposed</p>		
<p>8.7.3</p> <p>Inspector's Rpt Rec Ref.: R603 - Page 499</p>	<p>That no changes be made to the Plan in response to these objections.</p>	<p>Recommendation accepted</p> <p>Reason: To accord with the Inspector's report</p> <p>No modification proposed</p>		

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District Plan Policy/Para No	Inspector's Recommendation	SBC Decision and Reasons	Proposed Modification	Modification Number:
8.7.6 Inspector's Rpt Rec Ref.: R604 - Page 500	That Pre Inquiry Change 5180 be not accepted, but that references in the Plan to the relevant Secretary of State be amended to read "First Secretary of State".	<p>Recommendation accepted.</p> <p>Reason: To accord with the Inspector's report.</p> <p>Modify plan to amend paragraph 8.7.6 as recommended.</p>	<p>Modify paragraph 8.7.6 to replace "Secretary of State for the Environment, Transport, Local Government and the Regions" with "First Secretary of State".</p> <p>Reason: To accord with the Inspector's report.</p> <p>Paragraph 8.7.6 now reads as follows: "The Borough Council intends to produce an allotments strategy during the Plan period to provide guidance on the future of allotment gardening in Stevenage. This strategy is expected to provide more detailed guidance on the disposal of surplus plots. Development proposals involving the loss of allotment sites will be expected to accord with any such guidance contained in a future allotment strategy. In addition, as the majority of allotments in Stevenage are 'statutory' allotments, to accord with the 1925 Allotments Act, the approval of the First Secretary of State will be needed before disposal can take place. In addition, in response to the 1998 House of Commons Select Committee Report on the "Future of Allotments" the Government offered a commitment that before approving disposal, the Secretary of State will ensure that local authorities demonstrate that the lack of demand for the use of allotment plots is not a result of lack of publicity and awareness, or due to the condition of the sites, their maintenance or</p>	506/1646/E/8.7.6

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			lack of adequate facilities."	
8.7.6 Inspector's Rpt Rec Ref.: R605 - Page 500	That no further changes be made to the Plan in response to this objection.	Recommendation accepted Reason: To accord with the Inspector's report No modification proposed		
8.7.7 Inspector's Rpt Rec Ref.: R606 - Page 500	That no changes be made to the Plan in response to these objections.	Recommendation accepted Reason: To accord with the Inspector's report No modification proposed		
L19 Inspector's Rpt Rec Ref.: R607 - Page 502	That no changes be made to the Plan in response to these objections.	Recommendation accepted Reason: To accord with the Inspector's report No modification proposed		

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District Plan Policy/Para No	Inspector's Recommendation	SBC Decision and Reasons	Proposed Modification	Modification Number:
8.7.9 Inspector's Rpt Rec Ref.: R609 - Page 504	That Pre-Inquiry Changes 5181 and 5182 be accepted and subjected to the necessary statutory procedures.	<p>Recommendation accepted.</p> <p>Reason: To accord with the Inspector's report.</p> <p>Modify plan to incorporate Pre-inquiry Changes 5181 and 5182.</p>	<p>Modify paragraph 8.7.9 in accordance with Pre-inquiry Change 5181 to replace "required" with "sought" in the third sentence.</p> <p>Reason: To accord with the Inspector's report.</p> <p>Paragraph 8.7.9 now reads as follows: "On the basis of the local standard of allotment provision of 0.09 hectares per 1,000 and the minimum size for a viable allotment of 0.5 hectares, the strategic housing development at Stevenage West is the only residential development that could justify on-site provision of new allotment space as a minimum of about 2,300 dwellings would be needed to support a viable allotment site. Policy SW18 in the Stevenage West Chapter of the Plan provides guidance on allotment provision in the Stevenage West development. In other residential developments where provision is required to be made for allotments because the development would add to or create a deficiency in provision, or would not be accessible to an existing allotment site, contributions to new or improved off-site provision through a commuted sum will be sought. Supplementary planning guidance will be prepared which will provide detailed guidance on planning obligations relating to allotment provision for all sizes and types of residential development."</p>	506/1818/E/8.7.9

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8.7.10 Inspector's Rpt Rec Ref.: R608 - Page 503	That no changes be made to the Plan in response to this objection.	Recommendation accepted Reason: To accord with the Inspector's report No modification proposed	See proposed modification to policy L20 (Ref: 506/1651/E/L20)	

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District Plan Policy/Para No	Inspector's Recommendation	SBC Decision and Reasons	Proposed Modification	Modification Number:
L20 Inspector's Rpt Rec Ref.: R609 - Page 504	That Pre-Inquiry Changes 5181 and 5182 be accepted and subjected to the necessary statutory procedures.	Recommendation accepted. Reason: To accord with the Inspector's report. Modify plan to incorporate Pre-inquiry Changes 5181 and 5182.	Modify policy L20 in accordance with Pre-inquiry Change 5182 to replace "required" with "sought" in the first sentence. Reason: To accord with the Inspector's report. Policy L20 now reads as follows: "IN RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENTS WHICH WOULD ADD TO OR CREATE A DEFICIENCY IN ALLOTMENT PROVISION WITHIN A NEIGHBOURHOOD, AND/OR WOULD NOT BE ACCESSIBLE TO AN EXISTING ALLOTMENT SITE, COMMUTED PAYMENTS WILL BE SOUGHT TO CONTRIBUTE TOWARDS NEW PROVISION OR UPGRADING OF EXISTING ALLOTMENT SPACE WITHIN THE LOCALITY. A SITE FOR NEW ALLOTMENT PROVISION IS SHOWN ON THE PROPOSALS MAP AT EDMONDS DRIVE, POPLARS. >Policy SW18" See proposed modification to paragraph 8.7.9 (Ref: 506/1818/E/8.7.9)	506/1651/E/L20

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L20 Inspector's Rpt Rec Ref.: R610 - Page 504	That no further changes be made to the Plan in response to these objections.	Recommendation accepted Reason: To accord with the Inspector's report No modification proposed		
8.8.1 Inspector's Rpt Rec Ref.: R611 - Page 504	That no changes be made to the Plan in response to these objections.	Recommendation accepted Reason: To accord with the Inspector's report No modification proposed		

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L21 Inspector's Rpt Rec Ref.: R612 - Page 505	That Further Proposed Change 6327 be accepted and subjected to the necessary statutory procedures.	Recommendation accepted. Reason: To accord with the Inspector's report. Modify plan to incorporate Further Proposed Change 6327.	Modify policy L21 in accordance with Further Proposed Change 6327 to replace "required" with "sought". Reason: To accord with the Inspector's report. Policy L21 now reads as follows: "THE FOOTPATH, CYCLEWAY AND BRIDLEWAY NETWORK WILL BE RETAINED AS AN IMPORTANT PART OF THE TRANSPORT AND LEISURE NETWORK. WHERE NEW DEVELOPMENT IS PROPOSED, PROVISION FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF, AND THE EXTENSION TO, THE NETWORK WILL BE SOUGHT. > Policies T14 and T15."	506/1654/E/L21
L21 Inspector's Rpt Rec Ref.: R613 - Page 505	That no further changes be made to the Plan in response to these objections.	Recommendation accepted Reason: To accord with the Inspector's report No modification proposed		

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8.8.3 Inspector's Rpt Rec Ref.: R614 - Page 506	That no changes be made to the Plan in response to these objections.	Recommendation accepted Reason: To accord with the Inspector's report No modification proposed		
L22 Inspector's Rpt Rec Ref.: R616 - Page 507	That no further changes be made to the Plan in response to these objections.	Recommendation accepted Reason: To accord with the Inspector's report No modification proposed		

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L22 Inspector's Rpt Rec Ref.: R615 - Page 507	That Pre-Inquiry Change 5183 be accepted and subjected to the necessary statutory procedures.	Recommendation accepted. Reason: To accord with the Inspector's report. Modify plan to incorporate Pre-inquiry Change 5183.	Modify policy L22 in accordance with Pre-inquiry Change 5183 to add "on agricultural businesses" to the end of the first paragraph. Reason: To accord with the Inspector's report. Policy L22 now reads as follows: "PROPOSALS FOR IMPROVING AND EXTENDING FOOTPATH, CYCLEWAY AND BRIDLEWAY ACCESS TO THE COUNTRYSIDE WILL BE ENCOURAGED WHERE CONSIDERATION IS GIVEN TO MINIMISING THE POTENTIAL FOR TRESPASS AND VANDALISM ON AGRICULTURAL BUSINESSES. NEW DEVELOPMENTS ON THE PERIPHERY OF THE TOWN WILL BE REQUIRED TO MAKE PROVISION FOR THE IMPROVEMENT TO AND EXTENSION OF THE FOOTPATH, CYCLEWAY AND BRIDLEWAY NETWORK BOTH THROUGH THE SITE AND INTO THE COUNTRYSIDE."	506/1657/E/L22

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District Plan Policy/Para No	Inspector's Recommendation	SBC Decision and Reasons	Proposed Modification	Modification Number:
8.8.4 Inspector's Rpt Rec Ref.: R617 - Page 507	That Further Proposed Change 6358 be accepted and subjected to the necessary statutory procedures.	Recommendation accepted. Reason: To accord with the Inspector's report. Modify plan to incorporate Further Proposed Change 6358.	Modify paragraph 8.8.4 in accordance with Further Proposed Change 6358 to add the following sentence: "The Borough Council will, where appropriate, seek planning obligations to secure the provision of an extension to the horse and pony route as a bridleway" Reason: To accord with the Inspector's report. Paragraph 8.8.4 now reads as follows: "The Borough Council designated a Horse and Pony Riding Route in 1983 around the edge of Stevenage linking surrounding bridleways and incorporating a route diagonally across the Town through Fairlands Valley. The linking up of the existing Horse and Pony Route and its extension to the countryside is considered important as it is seen as an essential leisure facility and enables access to the countryside. It is therefore considered vital that the existing and proposed routes are protected. The retention, maintenance and extension of this route will therefore be promoted by the Borough Council. Developments which incorporate an existing Horse and Pony Route such as the development at Stevenage West will be expected to make provision to allow the routes to be extended into the surrounding countryside. The Borough Council will, where appropriate, seek planning obligations to secure the provision of an	506/1659/E/8.8.4

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8.8.4 Inspector's Rpt Rec Ref.: R618 - Page 507	That no further changes be made to the Plan in response to this objection.	Recommendation accepted Reason: To accord with the Inspector's report No modification proposed	extension to the horse and pony route as a bridleway."	
L23 Inspector's Rpt Rec Ref.: R620 - Page 508	That no further changes be made to the Plan in response to these objections.	Recommendation accepted Reason: To accord with the Inspector's report No modification proposed		

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L23 Inspector's Rpt Rec Ref.: R619 - Page 508	That Further Proposed Changes 6330 and 6359 be accepted and subjected to the necessary statutory procedures.	<p>Recommendation accepted.</p> <p>Reason: To accord with the Inspector's report.</p> <p>Modify plan to incorporate Further Proposed Changes 6330 and 6359.</p>	<p>Modify policy L23 in accordance with Further Proposed Changes 6330 and 6359 as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Replace "will be resisted" with "will not be permitted" in the first sentence; 2. Replace "new developments will be expected to provide land for the extension of the horse and pony route" in the second sentence with " in new developments, planning obligations will be sought for the provision of horse and pony routes as bridleways". <p>Reason: To accord with the Inspector's report.</p> <p>Policy L23 now reads as follows: "ANY REDUCTION TO THE EXISTING AND PROPOSED HORSE AND PONY ROUTE AS SHOWN ON THE PROPOSALS MAP WILL NOT BE PERMITTED. WHERE APPROPRIATE IN NEW DEVELOPMENTS, PLANNING OBLIGATIONS WILL BE SOUGHT FOR THE PROVISION OF HORSE AND PONY ROUTES AS BRIDLEWAYS. ANY DEVELOPMENT WHICH ADVERSELY AFFECTS THE ROUTE WILL NOT BE PERMITTED UNLESS A SATISFACTORY ALTERNATIVE ROUTE IS PROVIDED."</p>	506/1661/E/L23

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8.9.1 Inspector's Rpt Rec Ref.: R621 - Page 509	That no changes be made to the Plan in response to this objection.	Recommendation accepted Reason: To accord with the Inspector's report No modification proposed		
8.9.3 Inspector's Rpt Rec Ref.: R622 - Page 509	That no changes be made to the Plan in response to this objection.	Recommendation accepted Reason: To accord with the Inspector's report No modification proposed		
L25 Inspector's Rpt Rec Ref.: R623 - Page 510	That no changes be made to the Plan in response to this objection.	Recommendation accepted Reason: To accord with the Inspector's report No modification proposed		
L26 Inspector's Rpt Rec Ref.: R624 - Page 510	That no changes be made to the Plan in response to these objections.	Recommendation accepted Reason: To accord with the Inspector's report No modification proposed		

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L27 Inspector's Rpt Rec Ref.: R625 - Page 511	That no changes be made to the Plan in response to this objection.	Recommendation accepted Reason: To accord with the Inspector's report No modification proposed		