

**12 February 2015** – In its chapter entitled “Why are we considering a new settlement?” the ATLAS Report 2015 (page i) discussed the problem of local opposition and 8,400 local objections to Green Belt releases as being one main reason why the new settlement was being looked at.

A resolution is passed by Full Council requiring NHDC officers to explore the potential for a new settlement / Garden City in the area to address long term housing needs for the future. Public funds are used to pay ATLAS to produce an in-depth study in collaboration with the Council's Planning Officers.

Link to minutes of this Council committee:

<https://democracy.north->

[herts.gov.uk/CeListDocuments.aspx?Committeed=136&MeetingId=500&DF=12%2f02%2f2015&Ver=2](https://democracy.north-herts.gov.uk/CeListDocuments.aspx?Committeed=136&MeetingId=500&DF=12%2f02%2f2015&Ver=2)

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Due notice having been given in accordance with Standing Order 4.8.12, it was moved by Councillor S.K. Jarvis, and seconded by Councillor Sal Jarvis, "That Council notes the emerging local support for a potential new settlement to meet North Herts' longer term housing needs, including the support of the District's MPs. It therefore instructs officers to prepare a viable proposal for a new settlement so that the Council can consider this as an option when reviewing the results of the current local plan preferred options consultation later this year."

As an amendment, it was moved by Councillor David Levett, and seconded by Councillor Ian Mantle, "That Council notes the suggestion from the Members of Parliament for North Hertfordshire and others that a new Garden City should be considered to meet the long term housing needs of North Hertfordshire."


"2.11 The LPPO consultation received approximately 8,400 representations. NHDC identified that a number of these comprised local objections to the proposed focus on SUEs and the scale of Green Belt release around settlements. Others referenced the potential role of a new settlement." ATLAS Report (page 3)

"15. The report has, in accordance with the project brief, considered that a new settlement would include at least 5,000 new dwellings and accommodate a level of employment plus associated social infrastructure. This falls within the range stipulated within the Government's 2016 prospectus as representing a 'garden village' of 1,500 to 10,000 dwellings." ATLAS Report (page ii)

The full published final new settlement/ Garden City report from ATLAS can be found here:

<https://www.north-herts.gov.uk/sites/northherts-cms/files/HOU6%20North%20Hertfordshire%20New%20Settlement%20Study.pdf>

OR: <https://www.north-herts.gov.uk/files/hou6-north-hertfordshire-new-settlement-study.pdf>

 [HOU6 North Hertfordshire New Settlement Study.pdf](https://www.north-herts.gov.uk/sites/northherts-cms/files/HOU6%20North%20Hertfordshire%20New%20Settlement%20Study.pdf)

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**2015 – Five Years from the Drawing Board** - Herts LEP hosts a New Garden City Presentation by David Lock in the Spirella Building in Letchworth. David Lock was responsible for developing Milton Keynes, which he proudly stated was being built within 5 years of drawing up the first plans. David Lock's teams were also responsible for delivering the new Garden City at Ebbsfleet and Alconbury Weald, and also the regeneration plans for Stevenage Town Centre. Lock echoed the thoughts of Ebenezer Howard in relation to building Osborn.

**April 2015** – ATLAS New Settlement study for the new garden city is completed and published.

**24 September 2015** - Press article in The Hertfordshire Mercury announcing that North Hertfordshire District Council is preparing a scoping paper for a new garden city. Headlined: "New garden city option considered in North Herts"

URL: <http://www.hertfordshiremercury.co.uk/new-garden-city-option-considered-north-herts/story-27847087-detail/story.html>

**26 February 2016** – REGISTRATION OF THE NEW GARDEN CITY COMPANY LIMITED (in Letchworth).

**THE NEW GARDEN CITY COMPANY LIMITED** - Incorporation and Statement of Capital made and Model Articles adopted for by Executive Chief Planner for NHDC, Cllr David Levett. The principal and only stated activity of THE NEW GARDEN CITY COMPANY LIMITED is "Other letting and operating of own or leased real estate". Filing is made under the Companies Act 2006 and the