North Herts District Council Local Plan EIP Statement

Statement from Graveley Parish Council

Matter 4- The housing strategy: the supply of land for housing (Policy SP8)

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The five year housing land supply

4.3 Overall, is there a supply of specific deliverable sites sufficient to provide five years worth of housing, with an appropriate buffer (moved forward from later in the plan period) to ensure choice and competition in the market for land? In particular:

a) What is the five year requirement?

ED3 states the 5 year requirement to be 4,151 house and compares to a projected delivery of 4,412 houses. The latter figure includes a windfall allowance of 183 houses, which if deducted from the projected number reduces coverage to 5.09 years, highlighting that NHDC has no room for manoeuvre on the 5 year land bank. This is despite NHDC planners actively encouraging developers to bring forward development in the last 12 months to support the 5 year land bank calculation.

Graveley Parish Council, October 2017.