

## London Borough of Haringey – Response to the Inspector’s request to respond to the Ministerial Statement on Planning for Growth (EX-1)

Haringey’s Core Strategy was submitted before the Government published their proposals around *Planning for Growth, 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2011*.

The statement emphasises that the planning system has a role to play in helping to rebuild Britain’s economy by ensuring that the sustainable development needed to support economic growth is able to proceed as quickly as possible. The Council is planning for sustainable growth through the Haringey Core Strategy. National policy, notably in PPS1 and PPS12, emphasises the plan-led system and the Haringey Core Strategy proposals have been developed following analysis of a considerable evidence base, widespread consultation and evaluation of alternative approaches.

The Council has prepared Haringey’s Core Strategy considering fully the importance of national policies aimed at fostering growth and employment. It is based on a comprehensive evidence base. It takes into account the need to maintain a flexible and responsive supply of land for key sectors including housing and employment uses.

The Ministerial Statement advises that local planning authorities should work together to ensure that needs and opportunities that extend beyond their own boundaries are identified and accommodated in a sustainable way. This is set out in section 1 of the Core Strategy.

Haringey’s Core Strategy will support the ambitions of Plan for Growth by delivering high quality employment sites for business growth and inward investment. We have already begun working with key partners such as North London Business, to increase the export capacity of our well established manufacturing and production base.

The Core Strategy also seeks to support the creation of a skilled and flexible local workforce that can support high growth. All major sites projects, including the proposed Upper Lee Valley Enterprise Zone will put the economic wellbeing and prosperity of local communities as a core objective.

The vision and objectives of the Core Strategy support the planning for growth approach by promoting economic prosperity and delivering this through sustainable development. Section 5 of the Core Strategy *Economic Vitality and Prosperity Shared by All* takes into account the policy and guidance within PPS4. It is considered that the Ministerial Statement serves to reaffirm the approach to the economy and employment already set out in existing national planning policies. In summary, the Council considers that the policies set out in the emerging Core Strategy are consistent with the aims of this Ministerial Statement and will play a key role in planning for growth.