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R8	Floodplains and Flood Prevention	√	n/a	√	n/a	X	X	X	X	X	n/a	√	It is not necessary to save this policy as this topic matter is substantially covered by PPS25 “Development & Flood Risk” and the relevant Water policies in the emerging RSS 14 . The areas shown can no longer be considered accurate due to updated modelling undertaken by the Environment Agency. Such modelling results in frequent mapping amendments to show areas at risk from flooding, details of which can be obtained from the EA.
R12	Special Areas of Conservation	√	n/a	√	n/a	X	X	X	X	X	n/a	X	Policy deals with the Council's approach to internationally designated Nature Conservation sites. It is not considered necessary to save this policy as Para 6 of PPS9 states that LPAs should not to include policies for these sites in LDDs.
R16	Protection of Species	√	n/a	X	n/a	√	X	X	X	X	n/a	X	Policy deals with species which are otherwise protected by The Wildlife and Countryside Act. It is not considered necessary to save this policy as Para 15 of PPS9 states that LPAs should not include such policies in LDDs.
R22	Development in Conservation Areas	√	n/a	√	n/a	X	X	X	X	X	n/a	X	The Policy replicates advice in PPG15 which requires the desirability of preserving or enhancing a conservation area to be a material consideration in the handling of development proposals. It is not therefore considered necessary to save.

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R23	Demolition of Buildings in Conservation Areas	X	n/a	√	n/a	X	X	X	X	X	n/a	X	The Policy replicates advice in PPG15 which requires special attention to be paid to the desirability of preserving or enhancing the character or appearance of a conservation area. It is not considered necessary to save this policy.
R25	Works to Listed Buildings	X	n/a	X	n/a	X	X	X	X	X	n/a	X	It is not considered necessary to save this policy as it largely replicates advice set out in PPG15. .
R26	Alternatives Uses for Listed Buildings	X	n/a	X	n/a	X	X	X	X	X	n/a	X	It is not considered necessary to save this policy as it largely replicates advice in PPG15.
M10	Passenger Transport Interchanges	√	n/a	√	n/a	X	X	X	X	X	n/a	√	Policy merely repeats part of paragraph 48 of PPG13 and it is not considered necessary to save.
M13	Motorway Service Areas	√	n/a	n/a	n/a	X	X	X	X	X	n/a	X	Policy largely replicates PPG2 and Circular 1/94 advice and it is not considered necessary to save this policy.
IM3	Monitoring and Review	√	n/a	√	n/a	n/a	X	X	X	X	n/a	X	A policy dealing with procedural and operational matters otherwise dealt with by the regulatory process or by national planning policy, i.e. to Plan, Monitor and Manage.

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H5	Conversion of Commercial or Vacant Buildings to Residential Accommodation	√	n/a	√	n/a	X	X	√	X	X	n/a	X	Whilst the policy seeks to increase the supply of housing through the alternative use of buildings, the policy objectives are dealt with in PPS3. It is not therefore considered necessary to save this policy.
H8	Dwelling Type and Tenure	√	n/a	√	n/a	X	X	√	X	X	n/a	X	Policy is largely dealt with by paragraphs 23 and 24 of PPS3 which states that developers should reflect the profile of households and LPAs should ensure that development achieves a mix of households, tenure and price. It is not therefore considered necessary to save this policy.
H11	Student Accommodation	X	n/a	n/a	n/a	X	X	√	X	X	n/a	X	Whilst this policy seeks to permit the provision of housing to meet the on-campus needs of students, the associated development criteria are of a general nature, which are covered by other policies in the plan. It is not therefore considered necessary to save this policy.
CLT5	Tourist Facilities	X	n/a	√	n/a	X	X	X	X	√	n/a	X	This policy sets out the Council's approach to new tourist facilities. The policy was created under PPG21 which has since been cancelled and replaced by Good Practice Guidance for Tourism. This policy largely reflects paragraph 5.2 of the guidance and also policy E7 of the RSS. Paragraph 1.2 of the guidance states that it may be material to individual planning decisions and it is therefore not considered necessary to save this policy.

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CLT11	Library Services	X	n/a	√	n/a	X	X	√	X	√	n/a	X	Whilst the first part of this Policy seeks to ensure the delivery of improved library services in Hatfield town centre the policy objectives could be adequately dealt with by Policy IM2, which it is proposed to save. It is therefore considered not necessary to save this policy.
CLT12	New Community Facilities	X	n/a	√	n/a	X	X	X	X	X	n/a	X	Whilst the objective of this policy is to enable improved and enhanced community facility provision, the detail of the policy could be partly dealt with through other policies of the Plan such as H3 (Loss of Residential) and IM2 (Planning Obligations) where a facility might be required as part of a new residential development. It is therefore considered not necessary to save this policy.
EMP13	Design Criteria for Employment Development	√	n/a	X	n/a	√	X	X	X	X	n/a	X	The objectives of this Policy could be largely dealt with by other Design or Movement policies of the Plan. It is not considered necessary to save this policy.
EMP14	Live-Work Schemes	X	n/a	X	n/a	X	X	√	X	√	n/a	X	Policy is not considered necessary as matter otherwise dealt with in Policy EMP8.

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TCR9	First Floor Uses in WGC Town Centre	X	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	X	X	X	X	n/a	X	It is considered that the objectives of this policy could be adequately dealt with by the objectives set out in PPS3 and it is not considered necessary to save.	
TCR12	Transport Infrastructure in WGC Town Centre	X	n/a	√	n/a	X	X	X	X	X	n/a	X	Policy objectives are otherwise dealt with by policy M1 of the Plan. Policy largely replicates PPG13 and Circular 05/2005 (previously 1/97).	
TCR15	Hatfield: Redevelopment Elsewhere in HTC	X	n/a	√	n/a	X	X	X	X	√	n/a	X	The objectives of this policy could be adequately dealt with by reference to PPS6 and it is not considered necessary to save.	
TCR18	First Floor Uses in Hatfield Town Centre	X	n/a	X	n/a	X	X	X	X	X	n/a	X	It is considered that the objectives of this policy could be adequately dealt with by the objectives set out in PPS3 and it is not considered necessary to save.	
TCR21	Transport Infrastructure in Hatfield Town Centre	X	n/a	√	n/a	X	X	X	X	X	n/a	X	Whilst the policy seeks to align itself with the Council's Car Parking Strategy, the Policy objectives are otherwise dealt with by policies M1 and IM2 of the Plan. Policy also largely replicates PPG 13 and it is not considered necessary to save.	

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TCR22	Hatfield: Town Centre Environment	X	n/a	√	n/a	X	X	X	X	X	n/a	X	Policy objectives are dealt with by the range of design policies set out in the Design chapter of the Plan.
RA1	Development in the Green Belt	√	n/a	n/a	n/a	X	X	X	X	X	n/a	X	This policy largely replicates advice set out in various parts of PPG2, primarily, paragraphs 1.6, 3.4, 3.5 and 3.11. It adds local interpretation around cemeteries but as the Council proposes to save Policy RA9, which deals in greater detail with the matter of cemeteries, it is not considered necessary to save this policy.

**Explanation**

For the purposes of this exercise, the saved Local Plan Policies have been assessed:

- 1) Against the emerging RSS as this is scheduled to be in place by 15 April 2008;
- 2) On the basis that the Core Strategy will not be in place by 15 April 2008, i.e. three years from the adoption of the Welwyn Hatfield District Plan 2005; and
- 3) On the basis that the Welwyn Hatfield District Plan was prepared in advance of the Welwyn Hatfield Community Strategy 2004. Whilst many of the Local Plan policies are in alignment with the Community Plan Vision, i.e. for Welwyn Hatfield to be a place “**where people work together to promote vibrant, healthy, safe and tolerant communities and a pleasant sustainable environment**”, policies of the District Plan do not generally have specific regard to the Community Plan, which has recently been aligned with the Corporate Plan and is now entitled: Welwyn Hatfield 2015: The Borough's Corporate and Community Plan.