SPATIAL THEME – SUSTAINABLE EA	SPATIAL THEME – SUSTAINABLE EAST HERTS Sustainable development and sustainable communities				
Stand-out numerical and qualitative characteristics	Priorities Lead Agency/Partnership	Indicators: National, LAA2 and other	Source of Evidence		
(Stand-outs in red italic font, NB Emphasis superimposed on original text)  Sustainable Community Strategy  The majority of the national, regional and county-level sustainability objectives are addressed within one or more of the corporate strategies of the Council.  Whilst several of the strategies are more narrowly focussed, the Community Strategy comprehensively addresses the over-arching national sustainability objectives. This reflects the requirements of the Local Government Act 2000, which states that: 'every local authority must prepare a strategy (referred toas a community strategy) for promoting and improving the economic, social and environmental wellbeing of their area and contributing to the achievement of sustainable development in the UK'. (Sustainability Appraisal Report 3.14) "Delivering sustainable communities is the core purpose of sustainable community strategies and local strategic partnerships." Local strategic partnerships: Shaping their future, Office of the Deputy Prime Minister consultation paper (Dec 05).	East Herts District Local Strategic Partnership  East Herts Council Corporate Priority Caring about what's built (and) where  Sustainability Objectives  Healthy, socially integrated communities Everyone has access to a decent home they can afford and local housing needs are addressed Transport infrastructure which provides for, and encourages, sustainable movement patterns Sustainable resource is achieved through the efficient use of land, water, energy, and materials/waste  Development is physically integrated and responds to local character and distinctiveness  The local environment is protected and enhanced to form the green infrastructure framework for development Self-sufficient sustainable communities, which support a flourishing and healthy economy	National Outcome: Environmental Sustainability  National Indicators: NIs 185 to 198  Regional Indicators  To support the new UK Government Sustainable Development Strategy, 'Securing the Future' (published in March 2005), there is a suite of 68 national sustainable development indicators. For 46 of these indicators, for which regional data are available, it has been possible to produce regional versions for the Government Office Regions.	Regional sustainable Indicators http://tinyurl.com/6cmmlq  East Herts Sustainability Appraisal Report Accommodating the Local Plan http://tinyurl.com/5b836t  East Herts Annual Monitoring Report 2006/07 December 2007 http://tinyurl.com/6dpkff		

SPATIAL THEME – SUSTAINABLE EAST HERTS Climate change/Zero carbon development				
Stand-out numerical and qualitative characteristics	Priorities Lead Agency/Partnership	Indicators: National, LAA2 and other	Source of Evidence	
East Herts - Carbon Footprint  As climate change has risen up the political agenda the term 'carbon footprint' is increasingly used within sustainable development discussions. Whilst there are a number of ways of arriving at this measurement, essentially its purpose is to provide a comprehensive account of greenhouse gases contributing to climate change. It uses a consumption perspective and aims to include all CO2 emissions associated with the consumption of a particular good or service in the UK, wherever they occur. Per capita, Hertfordshire's average CO2 emissions were 13.17 tonnes. This is almost 11% higher than the UK's 11.87 tonnes per capita average. At a district level, East Hertfordshire continued to show the highest consumption-related CO2 emissions rate at 14.68 tonnes per capita. Transport contributes the most to this rate of emission. (Page 8)  (Hertfordshire Environmental Forum - Quality of Life Report 2007)	Lead Agencies:  1. EH District Local Strategic Partnership 2. Hertfordshire Forward HCC LSP  Priorities  East Herts Council Corporate Priority  Caring about what's built (and) where  Priorities to be established through the EHC Climate Change Action Plan  Climate change Task and Finish Group set up by Environmental Scrutiny Committee at the February 2008 meeting to review evidence and then make informed policy recommendations for the development of a climate change strategy and action plan.  Officer working group will consist of officers from operational disciplines, who will work on implementing systems and processes to collect data on the council's impact upon carbon production and identify opportunities for carbon reduction and inform the development of a Climate Change Action Plan.	National Outcome: Environmental Sustainability  NI 185 CO2 reduction from Local Authority operations PSA 27  NI 186 Per capita CO2 emissions in the LA area PSA 27  NI 187 Tackling fuel poverty – people receiving income based benefits living in homes with a low energy efficiency rating Defra DSO  NI 188 Adapting to climate change PSA 27	Hertfordshire Environmental Forum Quality of Life Report 2007 http://tinyurl.co m/6em7wt  Code for Sustainable Homes Dec 2006 http://tinyurl.co m/2j362d  (Code 6 level is a zero carbon home).	

SPATIAL THEME – SUSTAINABLE EAST HERTS Climate change/Zero carbon development/Renewable Energy			
Stand-out numerical and qualitative characteristics	Priorities Lead Agency/Partnership	Indicators: National, LAA2 and other	Source of Evidence
(The Ecological Footprint of Hertfordshire: Results and Scenarios June 2006)  The ecological footprint of East Hertfordshire is the highest in Hertfordshire and significantly higher than the UK and East of England average. With a total ecological footprint of 5.94 gha/resident, this is 13% higher than the UK average and 15% higher than the regional average. The high ecological footprint reflects an affluent society where the majority of the population live in a rural setting with close proximity to London. This is a reasonably unique combination that has resulted in one of the highest ecological footprints of any local area in the UK. The 'big hitters' of East Hertfordshire's footprint are the consumption of personal travel, food and domestic energy. Personal travel accounts for 22% of the total ecological footprint while food consumption is responsible for a 21%, with domestic energy use following closely behind at 15%. (Page 37)	Lead Agencies:  1. EH District Local Strategic Partnership 2. Hertfordshire Forward LSP  East Herts Council Corporate Priority  Caring about what's built (and) where  Policy Recommendations from:  The Ecological Footprint of Hertfordshire: Results and Scenarios June 2006  The integration of the ecological footprint into the community planning process through 'Local Strategic Partnerships' (LSP) and the 'Community Strategy'. The ecological footprint could help inform a range of policy areas, feeding directly into and linking to the Local Transport Plan, sustainable procurement policies, waste strategy and local food initiatives that would all contribute to the 'ecological footprint Reduction Strategy'.(Page 31)  At a local level, the development of strong partnerships with local stakeholders is a necessity for achieving more sustainable practices. (Page 32)	As above	The Ecological Footprint of Hertfordshire: Results and Scenarios June 2006 http://tinyurl.co m/6lgvme

SPATIAL THEME - EAST HERTS PEOPLE & COMMUNITY SAFETY Geography/demographics				
Stand-out numerical and qualitative characteristics	Priorities Lead Agency/Partnership	Indicators: National, LAA2 and other	Source of Evidence	
Geography East Herts is the largest district in Hertfordshire. The district is extensively rural with five towns and 95 villages and rural settlements spread over 474.1 sq miles. The largest town is Bishop's Stortford which had a population of 35000 in 2004.  Demographics East Herts has a population of 132, 000 people. The population is growing more slowly than the East of England.  Ageing Population Life expectancy in Hertfordshire is above the national average. As people to live longer It means both the number and proportion of older people is set to increase substantially. By 2025 East Herts can expect an increase of around 60%.  (Hertfordshire 2021: a brighter future).	EH Local Strategic Partnership  East Herts Council Corporate Priority  Promoting prosperity and wellbeing; providing access and opportunities  Lead Agencies:  EH Local Strategic Partnership Hertfordshire Forward  Priorities  Contained within East Herts Council Equalities and Diversity Policy	National Outcomes & Indicators - Overview  Stronger communities NI 1 to NI 14  Safer communities NI 15 to NI 49  Children & Young People NI 50 to NI 118  Adult health and wellbeing NI 119 to NI 139  Tackling exclusion and promoting Equality NI 140 to NI 150  Local economy NI 151 to NI 184  Environmental sustainability NI 185 to NI 198  LAA2 targets  NI 125 Achieving independence for older people through rehabilitation/intermediate care  NI 135 Carers receiving needs assessment or review and a specific carer's service, or advice and information	The New Performance Framework for Local Authorities & Local Authority Partnerships: Single Set of National Indicators http://tinyurl.co m/5rtprd  (Hertfordshire 2021: a brighter future). http://tinyurl.c om/5vlo67  Hertfordshire Observatory http://www.her tslink.org/port al/Observatory  [	

Stand-out numerical and qualitative characteristics	Priorities Lead Agency/Partnership	Indicators: National, LAA2 and other	Source of Evidence
Trends in changes in population  2001 Census data is no longer sufficiently up to date to give evidence of trends in changes in population. The Office of National Statistics, ONS, produce annual estimates (2001 to 2005) of ethnic population groups (based on Census categories) at District level.  Diversity  East Hertfordshire (7%) has the lowest proportion of dependent children from an ethnic minority. However, there is evidence of a significant change in minority ethnic populations in the district.  A comparison of the 2001 Census with the more recent Schools Census 2007 shows that the numbers of children/pupils in some ethnic groups have increased considerably in recent years. The	Research on Emerging Communities due	National Outcome: Stronger Communities Two NI's are directly cohesion related measures. These are:  NI 1 % of people who believe people from different backgrounds get on well together in their local area PSA 21  NI 2 % of people who feel that they belong to their neighbourhood PSA 21  Community engagement and strengthening the Third Sector are also seen as priorities for creating better places / stronger communities. These are reflected in:  NI 4 Percentage of people who feel	Experimental Population Estimates by Ethnic Group for local authority districts and higher administrative areas in Englan for 2006 <a href="http://tinyurl.com/5ny4bz">http://tinyurl.com/5ny4bz</a> Diversity in Hertfordshire and Districts
district has seen the second largest relative increase in the county of the share of the Other White population of children/pupils (up almost 3-fold from 1.47 to 4.19%). (Diversity in Hertfordshire and the Districts).	to be presented to the LSP in April 2009 indicates a need to provide English Language teaching for emerging communities in the district.	they can influence decisions in their locality  NI 7 Environment for a thriving Third Sector (the Voluntary Sector)  NI 13 Migrants English language skills	

Stand-out numerical and qualitative characteristics	Priorities Lead Agency/Partnership	Indicators: National, LAA2 and other	Source of Evidence
Crime.  East Herts is one of the safest areas in the country.  Nevertheless, there are still comparative hotspots where crime and the fear of crime is a major concern to local residents.  Feelings of safety figure prominently not just in town centres, but also in the large rural areas of the district. In more remote areas there are additional concerns about the speed of response to calls; visibility of uniform foot patrol; and concerns about young people, either in regard to the fear generated for some people by them hanging around in groups, or the risk of involvement in alcohol or drugs misuse.  Fear of Crime - Perceptions of youth-related disorder in town centres are also comparatively high and a major theme in the feedback received from community contacts as part of the consultation process.  (P4 Strategic Assessment).	Lead Agencies  Hertfordshire County Council Police Authority EH LSP  East Herts Council Corporate Priority: Promoting prosperity and wellbeing; providing access and opportunities  The six priorities for East Herts Community Safety Partnership were identified from the first strategic assessment under the new Community Safety Plan 2008-11  Improve feelings of community safety Improve response to Anti-social behaviour Reduce burglaries and vehicle crime Reduce the amount of people who commit more than one crime Improve youth engagement Reduce violent crime  East Herts Community Safety Plan 2008 – 2011 http://tinyurl.com/69rfhc	National Outcome: Safer Communities NI 15 to NI 49  NI 15 Serious violent crime rate PSA 23  N1 16 Serious acquisitive crime rate  NI 17 Perceptions of anti-social behaviour PSA 23  NI 32 Repeat incidents of domestic violence PSA 23  NI 40 Drug users in effective treatment PSA 25  NI 45 Young offenders engagement in suitable education, employment or training MoJ DSO	Strategic Assessment 2008/2009 MIDAS Query and Display Tool http://tinyurl.c om/6dx2pf

SPATIAL THEME - EAST HERTS PEOPLE & COMMUNITY SAFETY Substance misuse				
Stand-out numerical and qualitative characteristics	Priorities Lead Agency/Partnership	Indicators: National, LAA2 and other	Source of Evidence	
East Herts had the third ``highest recordings of year 10 pupils consuming one or more unit of alcohol in 7 days and the second highest for both those in year 8 and at primary school. East Herts was the only district that attained more than the county average percentage of children drinking one or more unit of alcohol in the week prior to the Health Behaviour survey across all three categories  Latest figures indicate that 15 young people from East Herts are in treatment, of whom 4 are under 16 and the remaining 11 are 16-18 yrs. (5 male and 10 female) CDRP Strategic assessment 2008/09.  Herts Constabulary activity over Feb half term to test new powers on confiscation of alcohol (Home Office pilot) identified under-age drinking in Bishop Stortford. Percentage of under 15's a concern  The largest percentage of year 10 children regularly smoking was reported in East Hertfordshire district as 255, This was 9% greater than both the County position and the next highest district. In year 8 EH had the second highest number. The lowest number of young people accessing services and ceasing smoking was within 2 areas, one being the SE Herts PCT area.  District Children's Trust Partnership DCTP Action Plan 2008-2009	Lead Agency/Partnership  1. HCC Young People's Substance Misuse & Crime Reduction Services 2. Youth Connexions  Priorities contained within:  Hertfordshire Young People's Substance Misuse Plan 2008	National Outcome: Children & Young People Make a positive contribution  NI 115 Substance misuse by young people PSA 14	District Children's Trust Partnership DCTP Action Plan 2008-2009 Hertfordshire Young People's Substance Misuse Plan 2008	

Stand-out numerical and qualitative characteristics	Priorities Lead Agency/Partnership	Indicators: National, LAA2 and other	Source of Evidence
Strength of the Voluntary Sector.  There are more than 1000, VCS groups in the district and this represents the highest number of groups in any district in Hertfordshire. The most common beneficiaries are children and young people.  A recent survey showed that there is a significant lack of local groups representing the growing number of residents of East Herts from black and minority ethnic (BME) communities.  (Survey of the Voluntary & Community Sector in East Herts 2007/2008. Conclusion. Page 11).  Capacity Building for BME groups in the district is provided by CVS for Broxbourne & East Herts.	Lead Agency/Partnership  1. EH Local Strategic Partnership 2. Hertfordshire Forward  East Herts Council Corporate Priority:  • Promoting prosperity and wellbeing; providing access and opportunities  The Voluntary Sector Compact agreed in 2003 accepted the need for statutory organisations to work more closely than ever before with voluntary groups to achieve the common goal of strengthening communities and improving quality of life in the East Herts Council area.  (East Herts Voluntary Sector Compact 2003)	National Outcome: Stronger Communities NI 1 to NI 14  NI 6 Participation in regular volunteering CO DSO  NI 7 Environment for a thriving third sector CO DSO	Survey of the Voluntary & Community Sector in East Herts 2007/200 http://tinyurl.cc m/5bs9fq  Voluntary Sector Compac 2003 http://tinyurl.cc m/5gt9pa

SPATIAL THEME – HO	USING EAST HERTS		
Stand-out numerical and qualitative characteristics	Priorities Lead Agency/Partnership	Indicators: National, LAA2 and other	Source of Evidence
The council recognizes how important it is that everyone has a decent settled home and the devastating impact the lack of a home can have on every part of a person's life. Good quality, secure and reasonably priced housing is a crucial element affecting people's ability to enter training, get a job, have a better standard of health and be able to take advantage of opportunities that are offered. There are significant financial costs in meeting the housing needs of households that are homeless or in housing crisis as well as the potential longer term social effects on peoples lives such their health or their children's education potential.  Good housing is at the heart of keeping our communities vibrant and sustainable.	Lead Agency/Partnership EH Council and Registered Social Landlords  East Herts Council Corporate Priorities  Promoting prosperity and wellbeing; providing access and opportunities Shaping now, shaping the future (in reference to 40% affordable housing target)  EH Housing Strategy 2008 - 2011 • The first part of the strategy sets out the strategic priorities for housing at a National, Regional, Sub-Regional and Local level. It includes the strategic context within which East Herts addresses local housing needs and shows how housing links to many other wider agendas.  • The second part of the Strategy sets out a summary of data and information we and our partners hold on housing need, demand and stock condition and also present and future supply of housing in East Herts. It identifies the interrelated factors that affect the availability and affordability of housing and the quality of life for all the residents living in East Herts.  • The third and most important part details what we have done and what we intend to do, working with a range of partner agencies, to meet local housing issues and the resources available to carry them out. These activities are grouped under three strategic objectives which have been developed with our London Commuter Belt Sub-Regional Partners and will be embedded in the Sub-Regional Housing Strategy which is currently under review.	NI Targets 2008/2009  NI 154 Number of net dwelling Completions 692  NI 155 Number of affordable homes delivered (gross)** 200  NI 156 Number of households living in temporary accommodation 33  NI 187 Proportion of households on income related benefits living in homes with high or low energy efficiency (Reduction in proportion of those households with Single Assessment Process SAP below 35, and increase in properties with SAP above 65).	Strategic Housing Market Assessment (SHMA).  To ensure that the planning policies of the LDF are based upon comprehensive and robust evidence the Council is currently working jointly with other districts in the sub-region in carrying out a Strategic Housing Market Assessment (SHMA).  SHMA M11/East LCB sub region (LCB - London Commuter Belt)  SHMAs provide local authorities with robust evidence to develop a strategic approach to housing through consideration of housing need and demand in all housing sectors — owner occupied, private rented and affordable — and assessment of the key drivers and relationships within the housing market.

SPATIAL THEME – HOUSING EAST HERTS			
Stand-out numerical and qualitative characteristics	Priorities Lead Agency/Partnership	Indicators: National, LAA2 and other	Source of Evidence
The attractiveness of East Herts as a place to live has led to high house prices with the District witnessing an 18% increase overall since 2005. This has resulted in a growing number of households, who would not otherwise require subsidised affordable housing but, due to inflated house prices, are financially restricted from entering the private housing market. Middle income earners are particularly susceptible to the affordability problem.  Information from the Hertfordshire Observatory shows that in 2007 the ratio of the average house price in East Herts to the average income was 10:1 i.e. the average cost of a home was 10 times the average income. This was the third highest ratio in Hertfordshire.  (East Herts Council Homelessness & Homeless Prevention Strategy 2008-2013)	Lead Agency/Partnership  EH Council and Registered Social Landlords  East Herts Council Corporate Priorities  • Promoting prosperity and wellbeing; providing access and opportunities  • Shaping now, shaping the future (in reference to 40% affordable housing target)  EH Housing Strategy 2008 - 2011	As above	House Prices in Hertfordshire Jan 2008 http://tinyurl.com/5o77zw

SPATIAL THEME – CHARACTER Built an	d Natural Environment		
Stand-out numerical and qualitative characteristics	Priorities Lead Agency/Partnership	Indicators: National, LAA2 and other	Source of Evidence
The strategy that most directly addresses sustainability objectives is the Sustainable Community Strategy, which outlines specific measures to protect and preserve the environment and the uniqueness of the landscape and character of the District. For example, it aims to encourage energy efficiency, enhance biodiversity and engage local communities in improving the local environment.  Sustainability Appraisals: Indicators and Targets SPD 2007  Design  Hertfordshire's eleven local authorities have jointly produced Building Futures to provide practical, user-friendly guidance for planning officers and developers on how to make development in Hertfordshire as sustainable as possible.	Lead Agency/Partnership  1. EH Local Strategic Partnership 2. EH Planning  East Herts Council Corporate Priorities  • Pride in East Herts • Caring about what's built (and) where  EHC Community, Cultural, Housing and Waste Strategies		Sustainability Appraisals: Indicators and Targets SPD 2007  Building Futures A Hertfordshire Guide to Producing Sustainable Development http://enquire.hertscc. gov.uk/buildingfuture s/default.cfm

Stand-out numerical and qualitative characteristics	Priorities Lead Agency/Partnership	Indicators: National, LAA2 and other	Source of Evidence
Countryside and Heritage  The District includes five historic market towns, and over 100 smaller villages and hamlets, set in an extensive, attractive rural area of river valleys.  The District has a high environmental quality. The centres of four of the five main towns, as well as over forty villages, are designated as Conservation areas. There are over 4,000 listed buildings, 33 scheduled ancient monuments, 300 sites of archaeological significance and 15 Registered Parks and Gardens.  Areas of nature conservation are equally abundant. There are two areas within the District that are of international importance (Rye Meads, in the Lee Valley Regional Park and Wormley-Hoddesdon Park Wood), as well as 15 nationally important Sites of Special Scientific Interest and around 500 other Wildlife Sites of local or regional importance.  The Metropolitan Green Belt, which contains four of the District's five towns, covers around one third of the District; much of the District is covered by the County-wide Landscape Conservation Area designation, reflecting its high landscape value.	Lead Agency/Partnership  1. EH Local Strategic Partnership 2. EH Planning  East Herts Council Corporate Priorities  • Pride in East Herts • Caring about what's built (and) where	N/A	Adopted Local Plan Second Review 200 http://e- services.eastherts.c v.uk/localplan/writte cpt9.htm

SPATIAL THEME – CHARACTER Built and Natura	al Environment		
Stand-out numerical and qualitative characteristics	Priorities Lead Agency/Partnership	Indicators: National, LAA2 and other	Source of Evidence
Adopted Landscape Character Assessment SPD  The Landscape Character Assessment (LCA) SPD was adopted on 12 September 2007 and supplements Policy GBC14 of the Local Plan Second Review.  It provides guidance on preserving and enhancing the local distinctiveness and character of the landscape of East Herts outside the main settlements. The Landscape Character Assessment has identified 63 individual and distinct character areas across East Herts. Each character area includes a Summary, Assessment, and Evaluation before concluding with a set of Guidelines for managing change.  The purpose of this Supplementary Planning document is to identify the distinct landscapes within East Hertforshire by describing their key characteristics and natural, historical and cultural features. The document then provides a structured evaluation of these landscapes, a landscape strategy and guidelines for conserving and enhancing the character of each area.	Lead Agency/Partnership  EH LSP EH Planning  East Herts Council Corporate Priorities:  Pride in East Herts  Caring about what's built (and) where	N/A	Landscape Character Assessment  Supplementary Planning Document  September 2007  http://80.168.51.108/m edia/pdf/5/m/LCA SP D PDF.pdf

Stand-out numerical and qualitative characteristics	Priorities Lead Agency/Partnership	Indicators: National, LAA2 and other	Source of Evidence
Destinations of young people East Herts has the highest proportion of year 11 pupils who go on to full time education 88.5%. East Herts has the lowest proportion of NEET (Not in Education, Employment or Training) 2.7% in Hertfordshire. (Connexions Hertfordshire Activity summary 2006)	Lead Agency/Partnership  1. EH Local Strategic Partnership 2. Youth Connexions  East Herts Council Corporate Priorities  • Shaping now, shaping the future • Leading the way, working together  Maintain reduction in NEET  Lead Agency/Partnership	NB. LAA2 includes statutory education and early years indicators Enjoy and Achieve NI 72 – 75, NI 83, NI 87, NI 92 -101 National Outcome: Children & Young People Economic Wellbeing NI 116 Proportion of children in poverty NI 117 16 to 18 year olds who are not in education, training or employment	Connexions Hertfordshire Activity summary 200 http://tinyur com/69my7
Safeguard all children and young people in Hertfordshire – Bullying  In the East Herts Health Related Behaviour Survey 2006, 28% of pupils aged nine to 11 reported feeling afraid to go to school because of bullying at least sometimes. 20% of boys and 29% of girls in Year 10 feel likewise. Most bullying takes place at break times. 20% of younger pupils feel that they are bullied because of the way they look and 16% feel that it is because of their size or weight.	EH Local Strategic Partnership     HCC CSF Children, Schools and Families      East Herts Council Corporate Priorities     Shaping now, shaping the future     Leading the way, working together	National Outcome: Children & Young People Stay Safe NI 69 Children who have experienced bullying	District Children's Tru Partnership DCTP Action Plan 2008-200
Road accidents  The number of children involved in road accidents in the EH2 (Beane Valley) children's centre area was 0.97% of the child population aged less than 5 years, this being above the 0.29% countywide and above the 0.28% observed within the district and second highest Children's Centre area in the County.	Reduce number of children who experience bullying  Lead Agency/Partnership  HCC Hertfordshire Highways  Priorities  Reduce number of children killed or seriously injured in road traffic accidents	National Outcome: Safer Communities NI 48 Children killed or seriously injured in road traffic accidents DfT DSO	District Children's Tru Partnership DCTP Action Plan 2008-200

SPATIAL THEME – EAST HERTS ECONOMY, SKILLS AND PROSPERITY. Shopping and town centres				
Stand-out numerical and qualitative characteristics	Priorities Lead Agency/Partners hip	Indicators: National, LAA2 and other	Source of Evidence	
The Employment Land and Policy Review 2008 examines in both quantitative and qualitative terms, the existing employment land, how it has changed over time, and provide a forecast of future demand. Employment land demand in East Herts is likely to increase by 2 to 5 hectares between 2008 and 2021. In order to meet Regional Spatial Strategy expectations on employment growth, the District is expected to need at least 5 additional hectares of employment land between 2008 and 2021.  The Retail and Town Centres Study 2008 examined the existing quality, quantity and convenience of retailing in the study area, to determine if the current shopping provision meets the needs of the population in the District.  The survey has shown that all five town centres in the district are vital and viable and East Herts Council's task is therefore to maintain this success. In this regard a number of threats to the future vitality of the towns exist and future planning policy must address these.  Of particular concern is the amount of comparison goods expenditure currently flowing out of the District and how this is expected to increase as other centres improve their retail offer. In order to maintain their current market share, the main comparison goods destinations (Hertford and Bishop's Stortford) must also improve their offer. The modelling exercise demonstrated a considerable need for further comparison goods retail floorspace which should theoretically be provided just to maintain current market share. The consultants view was that in retail terms, "standing still was akin to decline."	Lead Agency/Partnership  East Herts Council Corporate Priority  Shaping now, shaping the future	National Outcome : Local Economy National Indicators NI 151 to NI 184	The Employment Land and Policy Review 2008  The Retail and Town Centres Study 2008	

SPATIAL THEME – EAST HERTS ECONOMY, SKILLS	S AND PROSPERIT	Y. Economic Development, Employment, Rural Ecor	•
Stand-out numerical and qualitative characteristics	Priorities Lead Agency/Partners hip	Indicators: National, LAA2 and other	Source of Evidence
East Herts has a varied economy sharing many of its characteristics in common with the rest of the South East.  It is a prosperous district with higher than average earnings, with the majority of local people working in skilled and technical jobs in predominantly managerial occupations. The proximity of the capital has a fundamental impact on the prosperity of the district. For example, the growing airport development at Stansted has an increasing impact particularly around Bishop's Stortford. Amidst this prosperity are smaller pockets of relative disadvantage with a relatively high level of long-term unemployment in some wards.  Commuting  East Hertfordshire is a significant net exporter of labour – the net commuting balance is equivalent to over 10,000 individuals. Outcommuting accounts for half (49%) of all East Hertfordshire residents who are in employment. Out commuting to London is a major factor in East Herts.  Sources – Review of Market Towns in Hertfordshire, ECOTEC Research and Consulting Limited, 2005  Rural Economic Profile  East Herts has the most significant rural economic profile in the county. There are 433 holdings in East Herts in total occupying 34,647 hectares. This is significant in terms of farming, land and diversification alone. Many of these businesses have diversified and have a second income stream.	Lead Agency/Partnership  EH Local Strategic Partnership  East Herts Council Corporate Priority  Shaping now, shaping the future	National Outcome: Local Economy National Indicators NI 151 to NI 184  Jobs Prosperity and Skills LAA2 Targets The following national indicators have been chosen to measure progress in this area:  NI 152 Working age people on out of work benefits – targets for Broxbourne and Stevenage  NI 163 Proportion of population aged 19-64 for males and 19-59 for females qualified to at least Level 2 or higher  NI 165 Proportion of population aged 19-64 for males and 19-59 for females qualified to at least Level 4 or higher  NI 172 Percentage of small businesses in an area showing employment growth.	Nomis Labour Market Profile East Hertfordshire http://tinyurl.com/ 59twnc  East Herts Economic Assessment http://tinyurl.com/ 55lekk  Commuting profiles of settlements in Hertfordshire - 2001 census http://tinyurl.com /68if7n

SPATIAL THEME – EAST HERTS ECONOMY, SKILI		onomic Development ployment, Rural Ecol	•
Stand-out numerical and qualitative characteristics	Priorities Lead Agency/Partnership	Indicators: National, LAA2 and other	Source of Evidence
Adult Skills - Havers Estate  Bishop's Stortford has an enclave of social housing and multiple deprivation in the central part of town (the Havers Estate in Central Ward) ranking 60th in the county. This scores particularly badly in relation to adult skills. It is the only area in Hertfordshire among the worst 10% in England and as a result it is among the seven worst areas in Hertfordshire for the education and skills domain. The low skill level feeds through to a poor income score. But the area does comparatively well in regard to health, crime and the living environment. The Havers Estate is unique in that no other part of Bishop's Stortford is in the bottom half of Hertfordshire SOAs. Moreover, Bishop's Stortford has more SOAs within the least deprived 15% in the county than any other town in Hertfordshire.  (Source – Local Economy Assessment, Herts Observatory, 2004)	Lead Agency/Partnership  EH Local Strategic Partnership  East Herts Council Corporate Priorities  Promoting prosperity and wellbeing; providing access and opportunities  Leading the way, working together	As above	Link to Herts Observatory
Migrant Workers  Bishop's Stortford in particular has seen a significant influx of migrants due to its proximity to Stansted airport. Research undertaken in 2007 revealed that there had been a 35% increase Overseas National Insurance Registrations in the district during 2005-06.  Further research on the socio-economic impact of migration in Braintree, Uttlesford and East Herts districts was carried out in 2008 by the Harclow Group. The "Emerging Communities" report will be available in early 2009.	Lead Agency/Partnership  EH Local Strategic Partnership  East Herts Council Corporate Priorities  Promoting prosperity and wellbeing; providing access and opportunities  Leading the way, working together  Priorities Improve provision and availability of English language classes	National Outcome: Stronger communities  NI 13 Migrants English language skills and knowledge HO DSO	Hertfordshire Adult Learning Partnership A Study of Eastern European Migrant Workers within Hertfordshire

SPATIAL THEME – ON THE MOVE	Walking and Cycling		
Stand-out numerical and qualitative characteristics	Priorities Lead Agency/Partnership	Indicators: National, LAA2 and other	Source of Evidence
Walking and cycling account for 15% of all journeys in Hertfordshire, and has the potential for growth, as 54% of all journeys are less than five miles. Encouraging people to use sustainable modes of transport such as cycling and walking is not only good for the environment but also good for people's health.  HCC School Travel Plan team continue to work with schools to produce School Travel Plans to encourage children to travel to school by sustainable modes of transport, particularly walking and cycling.  (Towards Better Transport. Annual Progress Report August 2008)	Lead Agency/Partnership Hertfordshire County Council  East Herts Council Corporate Priority:  Promoting prosperity and wellbeing; providing access and opportunities  Priority  More people cycling more often as a convenient, quick, healthy and sustainable form of transport for short journeys  The County's LTP, Local Transport Plan includes a target for increasing cycling by 11% during the Plan period (to 2010/11).  The County Council will work closely with the borough and district councils to develop and implement the cycle strategy locally. HCC Cycling Strategy Feb 2007 (P 19)	National Outcome: Local Economy National Indicators NI 151 to NI 184  NI 175 Access to services and facilities by public transport, walking and cycling DfT DSO  National Outcome: Environmental sustainability  NI 198 Children travelling to school – mode of travel usually used DfT DSO	(Towards Better Transport. Annual Progress Report August 2008)

SPATIAL THEME – ON THE MOVE	Roads and Parking	g	
Stand-out numerical and qualitative characteristics	Priorities Lead Agency/Partnership	Indicators: National, LAA2 and other	Source of Evidence
Government predictions of traffic growth in East Herts and North Herts are much higher than the national projections due to proposed increases in the number of households and jobs in these districts. Local traffic forecast increase for East Herts in 2021 (baseline 2001) is 43.7% highest in the county. p40  Road congestion and traffic growth are closely associated and as such are two of the key issues facing the transport network in Hertfordshire over the next 15-20 years. They have been identified in the 2006 MORI survey and the 2005 Hertfordshire County Travel Survey as particular issues of concern for residents. (Hertfordshire's Traffic and Transport Data Report 2006).p36 maps 4.1 and 4.2  East to West travel Hertfordshire's transport network is based largely on routes in and out of London, moving across the county is more problematic with east-to-west travel in particular need of improvement. (Hertfordshire 2021: a brighter future	Lead Agency/Partnership Hertfordshire County Council  East Herts Council Corporate Priority:  • Promoting prosperity and wellbeing; providing access and opportunities  County council themes:  • Increasing capacity • Reducing demand • Reducing the impact of congestion incidents • Informing the public	National Outcome: Local Economy National Indicators NI 151 to NI 184  NI 167 Congestion – average journey time per mile during the morning peak PSA 5  NI 178  Bus services running on time Percentage of all journeys within a given time period of a timetabled journey time for a given route. e.g. 80% of all journeys to be within five minutes of the timetable journey time.	Hertfordshire's Traffic and Transport Data Report 2006 http://tinyurl.com/65 9roc  Tackling Congestion in Hertfordshire Draft March 2007 http://tinyurl.com/66 94qm  Reported congestion hotspots map http://tinyurl.com/63 cr3r

SPATIAL THEME – ON THE MOVE	Passenger Transport, Ru	ral Transport	
Stand-out numerical and qualitative characteristics	Priorities Lead Agency/Partnership	Indicators: National, LAA2 and other	Source of Evidence
Transport and Access to services			
Transport gives access to many life opportunities. How we travel influences our health. The importance of transport and access to services was highlighted in a regional report.  Transport, access and health in the East of England. EPRHO 2006  Local audits for health, education, work and food have shown that are several super output areas in Hertfordshire which have poor public transport access and have a relatively high level of deprivation. East Herts SOA 009C identified. (P 60) Accessibility Strategy 2006/07 – 2010/11  Levels of car ownership in East Herts are among the highest in the country, but this is not universal. "In 2005 13% of households did not have a car meaning public transport is an important factor in many people's lives, especially those in rural locations. Residents in East and North Herts in particular find access to many services difficult without a car."  (Hertfordshire 2021: a brighter future).  "The Hidden Need – Overcoming Social Deprivation in Hertfordshire" revealed that "there are quite large remote areas where more than 10% of households do not own a car, particularly in North and East Herts." (Page 14) (Hertfordshire Community Foundation 2006)	Lead Agency/Partnership Hertfordshire County Council  East Herts Council Corporate Priority:  • Promoting prosperity and wellbeing; providing access and opportunities  Priority  Hertfordshire 2021 Long term objectives 2008 - 2021  • Improve access to services, including education and health, no matter where you live.  • Improve reliability of journey times and improve East to West travel.  Short term actions 2008 - 2011  • Centring our work on accessibility planning especially for: -rural communities -disadvantaged groups Carrying out further study into East to West travel options	National Outcome: Local Economy National Indicators NI 151 to NI 184  NI 175  Access to services and facilities by public transport, walking and cycling [The percentage of people who find it difficult to travel to a local hospital]	Transport, access and health in the East of England. EPRHO 2006  Accessibility Strategy 2006/07 – 2010/11  "The Hidden Need – Overcoming Social Deprivation in Hertfordshire" http://tinyurl.com/5wqqba

SPATIAL THEME – ON THE MOVE	Passenger Transport, Ru	ıral Transport	
Stand-out numerical and qualitative characteristics	Priorities Lead Agency/Partnership	Indicators: National, LAA2 and other	Source of Evidence
Transport Needs of Vulnerable People Access to services is of particular interest to people with learning disabilities and their carers. Consultation in 2007 with people with learning disabilities in the district revealed that public transport was valued by this group of people. Access to public transport is important for vulnerable people to be able to take advantage of opportunities for independent living and to gain employment.	Lead Agency/Partnership Hertfordshire County Council East Herts Council  Hertfordshire Partnership to Support Independent Travel HPSIT  Representatives from Adult Care Services, Transport Planning and Policy, Intalink, East Herts District Council, 16-19 Transport Partnership and the Community Development Agency came together to form a partnership. The partnership is currently delivering travel training and developing an easy to read guide to aid travelling in Hertfordshire. Further initiatives to support independent travel will be developed in 2008/09.	National Outcome: Tackling exclusion and promoting equality N1 140 to NI 150  N1 141 % of vulnerable people achieving independent living  National Outcome: Local Economy National Indicators NI 151 to NI 184 NI 175  Access to services and facilities by public transport, walking and cycling [The percentage of people who find it difficult to travel to a local hospital]	Talking About Transport in East Herts 2007  Towards Better Transport in Hertfordshire Annual Progress Report 2008

SPATIAL THEME – EAST HERTS HEALTH, WELL BEING & PLAY Health			
Stand-out numerical and qualitative characteristics	Priorities Lead Agency/Partnership	Indicators: National, LAA2 and other	Source of Evidence
<ul> <li>Fewer people than average consider themselves to be in poor health, (5%). For a number of health categories such as adults who smoke (18.3%, 20.4%), adults who are physically active (14.2%, 14.2%) and adult early deaths from cancer (106.8/101.4 deaths per 100,000 population) the results are significantly better than the England averages.</li> <li>Life expectancy for both sexes is higher, (79.3/79.8 yrs male and 82.3/82.5 yrs female) than the England average (76.9 yrs for male and 81.1 yrs for females). Over the past decade life expectancy for both sexes has increased. However, women from the most deprived areas can expect to die two years earlier than those from the least deprived areas.</li> <li>The rate of early death due to heart disease and stroke in East Herts has fallen in recent years to 66/61.2 per 100,000 and is lower than the England average, (90.5 per 100,000).</li> <li>Although the number of deaths associated with smoking is low, smoking still kills at least 170/161 people every year in East Herts. Estimated smoking rates (no. of smokers) are lower than the England average; even so, 1 adult in 5 smokes.</li> <li>Levels of physical activity are 14.2% for East Herts population compared to 11.2% for average England rate. The proportion of obese adults in East Herts is below average, (16.4%/21.5% compared to 21.8% for England).</li> <li>Results in black text indicate 2007 East Herts Health Profile, blue text 2008 results where direct comparisons exist.</li> </ul>	Lead Agency/Partnership East and North Herts Primary Care Trust.  Other partners who can contribute to Public Health projects and initiatives.  Priorities  Key Elements of the East Herts Public Health Strategy 2008-2013  • Smoking • Physical activity • Healthy eating • Obesity • Other Health Factors – e.g. Housing, noise pollution, drainage, private water supplies, food safety standards, contaminated land, workplace safety • Powers of Influence.  East Herts Public Health Action Plan 2008  http://tinyurl.com/67bde3	National Outcome: Children & Young People Be Healthy  NI 51 Effectiveness of child and adolescent mental health (CAMHs) services  N1 54 Services for disabled children  NI 55 Obesity among primary school age children in Reception Year DCSF DSO  NI 56 Obesity among primary school age children in Year 6 DCSF DSO  (NI 59, NI 60 & NI 66 Assessments)  National Outcome: Adult health and wellbeing NI 119 to NI 139)  NI 123 16+ current smoking rate prevalence PSA 18	East Herts Health Profile: http://tinyurl.co m/64g8kw  East Herts Council Public Health Strategy 2008 – 2013: http://tinyurl.co m/6j67oo

SPATIAL THEME - EAST HE	ERTS HEALTH, WELL BEING & PLAY Sports Activity		
Stand-out numerical and qualitative characteristics	Priorities Lead Agency/Partnership	Indicators : National, LAA2 and other	Source of Evidence
Sports Activity An activity profile of all the districts in Hertfordshire was produced in 2007. The profile analyses adult (16+) sports participation in each district. It uses data from the Active People Survey: the single biggest survey of sports participation ever conducted. It shows participation rates compared with the regional and national figures. More importantly the profile provides impartial analysis against areas with similar demographics and other characteristics.  Participation levels were significantly higher than the East and England figures, however there is a notable difference in activity levels between the different socio-economic groups. (Activity Profile: East Hertfordshire July 2007)	Lead Agency/Partnership  1. East Herts Council 2. Hertfordshire Sports Partnership  East Herts Council Corporate Priorities:  • Promoting prosperity and wellbeing; providing access and opportunities  • Leading the way, working together  At a local level partners are encouraged to use the profile and more detailed data from the Active People diagnostic to:  • undertake further analysis, particularly to assess the impact of specific activities, including walking and cycling on regular participation.  • Raise the profile of participation and inactivity and use this as the basis to initiate renewed discussions about how your local area is going to address this issue.  • Work collectively through the Community Sport Network (or a group of local partners, including the CSP, where this does not yet exist) to agree local priorities.  The dataset can help to direct agencies to specific groups that have comparatively low participation rates (compared to other groups or the same group in other local authority areas).  • Cease, sustain or refresh existing interventions and design new interventions that address the priorities.  • Develop a realistic Community Sport Network action plan evidenced by Active People and work to link the participation targets in this plan with the area Community strategy.	National Outcome: Stronger communities NI 8 Adult participatio n in sport DCMS DSO  National Outcome: Adult health and wellbeing NI 119 to NI 139	Activity Profile: East Hertfordshire July 2007 http://www.sporte ngland.org/herts eastherts.pdf

Stand-out numerical and qualitative characteristics	Priorities Lead Agency/Partnership	Indicators: National, LAA2 and other	Source of Evidence
Community & Cultural Facilities  The top three factors which residents say would make them more likely to use leisure and culture facilities tend to group around various themes; increased provision, better maintenance and cleanliness, improved range/choice and greater personal safety, as well as some more specific issues such as increased awareness of theatre programmes and better access/proximity to cinemas.  When asked to prioritise future provision of culture and leisure facilities in East Herts, sports facilities – both indoor and outdoor – top respondents' lists in terms of what they want to see more of, and what they want to see more of, and what they want to see more of.  (East Hertfordshire Residents Survey 2007)	Lead Agency/Partnership  East Herts Council  East Herts Council Corporate Priorities  • Promoting prosperity and wellbeing; providing access and opportunities  • Leading the way, working together  Contained within Culture for all East Herts Cultural Strategy 2007 - 2012  East Herts Council has adopted the five outcomes from the Government Green Paper of provision for young people 'Every Child Matters' as our themes for the strategy. We believe these outcomes matter to everyone, and are particularly relevant to how we facilitate access to activities for the vulnerable and disadvantaged of all ages. They are:  • Enjoying and Achieving  • Being Healthy  • Making a Positive Contribution  • Staying Safe  • Making an Economic Contribution.	National Outcome: Stronger communities  NI 9 Use of public libraries DCMS DSO  NI 10 Visits to museums or galleries DCMS DSO  NI 11 Engagement in the arts DCMS DSO	East Hertfordshir Residents Surve 2007 http://tinyurl.com 6fsale Culture for all East Herts Cultural Strategy 2007 - 2012 http://tinyurl.com 5asuqr

SPATIAL THEME – EAST HERTS HEALTH, WELL BEING & PLAY Health. Leisure Facilities			
Stand-out numerical and qualitative characteristics	Priorities Lead Agency/Partnership	Indicators: National, LAA2 and other	Source of Evidence
Health & Leisure Facilities  A recent survey identified the sports facility investment needs for all the districts in Hertfordshire. An assessment of community and sport specific facility needs was carried out across the county, involving the use of Sport England strategic planning tools and consultation with key partners such as Local Authorities and National Governing Bodies of Sport. The scope of the study has focused on indoor and outdoor community and sport specific facilities such as sports halls and swimming pools, and does not cover outdoor grass pitches.  (Active Hertfordshire: Sports Facilities Strategy 2008:2016)	Lead Agency/Partnership  East Herts Council  East Herts Council Corporate Priorities  • Promoting prosperity and wellbeing; providing access and opportunities  • Leading the way, working together  Priorities  East Herts Identified sports facility investment needs, based on population increase and increased demand (5%)  • 4.2 sports halls (4 badminton court size) (no council-owned facilities); priority areas are  Hertford and Bishop's Stortford  • 157 fitness stations  • More public tennis courts in Bishop's Stortford  • 2 more ATPs All Terrain Pitches in the District  • Gymnastics – Additional equipment, coaches and infrastructure, and if possible specialist facilities, Ware Gymnastics Club	National Outcome: Stronger communities  NI 8 Adult participation in sport  DCMS DSO	Active Hertfordshire: Sports Facilities Strategy 2008:2016 http://www.sporteng land.org/herts-fac- strat.pdf

Stand-out numerical and qualitative characteristics	Priorities Lead Agency/Partnership	Indicators: National, LAA2 and other	Source of Evidence
Recreation and open space  East Hertfordshire is rich in green open spaces. The Council owns and maintains over 50 play areas throughout the District. These play areas are mainly located in the towns of Bishop's Stortford, Hertford, Ware and Sawbridgeworth, with seven in the larger rural villages.  The council has analysed all the play areas and produced a Play Area Development Programme which identifies 10 playgrounds that need improvement.	Lead Agency/Partnership  East Herts Council  East Herts Council Corporate Priorities  • Promoting prosperity and wellbeing; providing access and opportunities  • Leading the way, working together  Priorities  Contained within East Herts Play Strategy 2007  • Fun, outdoor adventure to meet the needs of older children and teens for some element of risk taking and excitement  • More safe places to relax and meet up with friends  • Wide and varied choices of places to go and things to do  • Shaped by the children and young people who use them, based on their needs and ideas  • Provided by working better together with our partners including voluntary and community groups  (East Herts Play Strategy 2007)	National Outcome: Children & Young People Be healthy NI 50 to NI 58	(East Herts Play Strategy 2007) http://tinyurl.con 6pw97f

SPATIAL THEME – GREEN EAST HERTS Wildlife and Biodiversity			
Stand-out numerical and qualitative characteristics	Priorities Lead Agency/Partnership	Indicators: National, LAA2 and other	Source of Evidence
East Herts is an attractive rural District. 71% of the total area surveyed is made up of urban and arable farmland with grassland and woodland habitats making up most of the remaining area. The scattered sites of importance which remain are predominantly small, ancient coppice woodlands of Oak/Hornbeam or Ash/Maple stand-types (often neglected), remnant neutral grass pastures, old green lanes, village greens and ancient hedgerows.  Biodiversity resources within East Herts:  • Sites of international importance within the district comprise a Special Protection Area (SPA) and a Wetland of International Importance (Ramsar Site) in the Lea Valley (Rye Meads and Amwell Quarry). There is also one Special Area of Conservation (SAC) at Wormley-Hoddesdon Park Woods.  • There are 15 Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) within the district.  • There are 609 Wildlife Sites - as of December 2007.  • There is one Local Nature Reserve (LNR) within the district at Waterford Heath.	Lead Agency/Partnership  Hertfordshire Biodiversity Partnership Group  Priorities  Main priorities for biodiversity are: • To protect existing habitats and species • To conserve and enhance biodiversity (habitats and species) within East Herts • Work with the Hertfordshire Biodiversity Partnership Group of HEF (Hertfordshire Environmental Forum) to implement actions within the County Biodiversity Action Plan (BAP) – A 50-year vision for the wildlife and natural habitats of Hertfordshire.  Sustainability objective: • The local environment is protected and enhanced to form the green infrastructure framework for development.	National Outcome: Environmental sustainability  NI 197 Improved Local Biodiversity – proportion of Local Sites where active conservation management is being achieved  (This is a new indicator)	Habitat Survey for East Herts District. A Nature Conservation Reference Guide. Hertfordshire Biological Records Centre in conjunction with the Herts & Middlesex Wildlife Trust, 1998.  East Herts Annual Monitoring Report 2006/07 December 2007 http://tinyurl.com/6dpkff  A 50-year vision for the wildlife and natural habitats of Hertfordshire. A Local Biodiversity Action Plan. 1998 (revised March 2006) http://tinyurl.com/55ctxa

SPATIAL THEME – GREEN EAST HERTS Environmental Quality			
Stand-out numerical and qualitative characteristics	Priorities Lead Agency/Partnership	Indicators: National, LAA2 and other	Source of Evidence
Air Quality  In January 2007 the council declared the crossroads at Hockerhill junction in Bishop Stortford as an AQMA, Air Quality Management Area. A source apportionment study concluded that HGVs were mainly responsible for the exceedance in NO2 at the junction. Proposals to reduce the number of HGVs and other vehicles at the junction will be outlined in the Council's action plan. East Herts Council along with other Hertfordshire District/Borough Councils have developed in partnership a joint action plan this (Towards Better Transport in Hertfordshire Annual Progress Report 2008 Appendix 5 – Air Quality Action Plans). <a href="https://www.hertsdirect.org/ltp">www.hertsdirect.org/ltp</a> The Environment Act 1995; Part IV place a duty on the Local Authority to identify locations where concentrations of specific air quality pollutants are predicted to exceed the National Air Quality Objectives.  Department for Environment Food and Rural Affairs, DEFRA issue guidance regarding air quality.	Lead Agency  East Herts Environmental Health Department  East Herts Council Corporate Priorities:  • Promoting prosperity and wellbeing; providing access and opportunities  • Caring about what's built (and) where  The Action Plan outlines the steps that the Local Authorities and other relevant organisations will implement in order to achieve the national objectives in each of the Air Quality Management Areas.  (Towards Better Transport in Hertfordshire Annual Progress Report 2008 Appendix 5 – Air Quality Action Plans)	National Outcome: Environmental sustainability  NI 194 Level of air quality – reduction in NO <sub>x</sub> and primary PM <sub>10</sub> emissions through local authority's estate and operations. PSA 28	Air Quality Annual Progress Report for East Herts Council 2007  http://80.168.51.1 08/media/pdf/2/a/ Air Quality Annu al Progress Rep ort 2008.pdf  Air Quality Action Plans http://tinyurl.com /alofty  Hertfordshire & Bedfordshire Air Quality Network http://www.hertsb edsair.org.uk/hert sbeds/asp/home. asp

SPATIAL THEME – GREEN EAST HERTS Environmental Quality			
Stand-out numerical and qualitative characteristics	Priorities Lead Agency/Partnership	Indicators: National, LAA2 and other	Source of Evidence
Sources The industrial history of East Herts does not point to major areas of ground contamination. Therefore modern day land uses are more likely to have introduced contamination. The land use history of East Herts does not point to extensive Brownfield redevelopment for residential use. Where Brownfield sites have been redeveloped for residential use these are required as part of the planning process.  In 2006/7 The Environmental Health Department were consulted on 21 potentially contaminated sites and 18 sites in 2007/8.  The Council has already carried out a search of most commonly used data sources (historical maps and local records) and the early indications are that there are about 400 potentially contaminated land sites in the District. The council has purchased a digitized set of historical maps. A search of the maps is likely to increase the number of potentially contaminated land sites.	Lead Agency/Partnership  East Herts Environmental Health Department  East Herts Council Corporate Priority  Pride in East Herts  In reviewing land in the District, the Council will prioritise the review process to ensure areas of land most likely to cause harm are identified first and resources are concentrated on investigating those areas where the Council is most likely to identify contaminated land. However, due to financial restrictions, the number of sites that can be investigated by this authority within each year will be limited. If the remaining budget in a financial year is insufficient to enable a full investigation of a high priority site, it may be considered appropriate to undertake an investigation and possible remediation of a smaller or potentially less contaminated site. These investigations will be considered on a cost basis and may be regardless of its position on the list.	N/A  This Contaminated Land Strategy has been prepared for the East Herts Council, in accordance with the Environmental Protection Act 1990, (as amended by the Environment Act 1995). Under this legislation the Council is obliged to adopt and implement a contaminated land strategy.	Contaminated Land Strategy Executive Summary http://www.eastherts.gov.uk/index.jsp?articleid=1846

SPATIAL THEME – GREEN EAST HERTS Environmental Quality			
Stand-out numerical and qualitative characteristics	Priorities Lead Agency/Partnership	Indicators: National, LAA2 and other	Source of Evidence
Risk of Flooding	Lead Agency/Partnership Environment Agency East Herts Environmental Health Department  East Herts Council Corporate Priority:  Pride in East Herts  Reduce risk of flooding	National Outcome: Environmental sustainability NI 189 Flood and coastal erosion risk management Defra DSO	Environment Agency Flood Risk. http://www.envir onment- agency.gov.uk/h omeandleisure/f loods/default.as px

### Noise and Air Pollution

Information about noise at Stansted airport can be obtained from:

 $\underline{http://www.stanstedairport.com/portal/controller/dispatcher.jsp?ChPath=XYZStanstedNoise}$ 

 $\underline{\text{http://www.uttlesford.gov.uk/stansted}}\underline{\text{explained/index.asp}}$ 

http://www.stopstanstedexpansion.com/maps.html

http://www.baa.com/assets//B2CPortal/Static%20Files/stal\_feu04.pdf

http://www.caa.co.uk/application.aspx?catid=33&pagetype=65&appid=11&mode=detail&id=2995

http://www.defra.gov.uk/environment/noise/mapping/transportation/aviation/pdf/LondonStanstedAirport EGSS Lden.pdf

http://www.wrase.org.uk/

Stand-out numerical and qualitative characteristics	Priorities Lead Agency/Partnership	Indicators: National, LAA2 and other	Source of Evidence
Waste and Recycling  The cost of waste collection and disposal of household waste in Hertfordshire is over £40 million, with 566,000 tonnes of municipal waste produced in 2005/06. Around 60% is currently sent to landfill.  The current Hertfordshire Municipal Waste Management Strategy was intended to run until 2024, however, there have been a number of significant strategic changes to the legislative and economic environment with respect to waste necessitating a review. The main issues are:  • Landfill space is running out. Most of Hertfordshire's landfill contracts expire by 2009.  • Landfill is a poor way of dealing with our waste, generating hazardous liquids and generating green house gasses.  • The cost of landfill is set to increase rapidly through demand, landfill tax and the Landfill Allowance Trading Scheme (LATS).	Lead Agency/Partnership  East Herts Council Hertfordshire Waste Partnership  East Herts Council Corporate Priority: Caring about what's built (and) where  Meeting all national and EU targets relating to waste and recycling, minimizing waste volumes and ensuring the provision of a range of waste processing facilities to deal with the county's waste locally  Targets for increasing recycling County wide. The proposed targets are:  40% of household waste by 2008  45% of household waste by 2010  50% of household waste by 2012	National Outcome: Environmental sustainability  NI 191 Residual household waste per head Defra DSO  NI 192 Household waste recycled and composted Defra DSO  NI 193 Municipal waste land filled Defra DSO	Hertfordshire was development plan Waste core strate, submission stag Consultation document Januar 2008 http://80.168.51.8/media/word/h/Core_Strategy_F

SPATIAL THEME – EAST HERTS	Monitoring & Development
(e.g. S106 & CIL / Majo	or Infrastructure Projects / Delivery Strategy / Monitoring)