

## ESSENTIAL REFERENCE PAPER 'A'

### IMPLICATIONS/CONSULTATIONS

Contribution to the Council's Corporate Priorities/ Objectives (delete as appropriate):	<p><b>People</b> This priority focuses on enhancing the quality of life, health and wellbeing of individuals, families and communities, particularly those who are vulnerable.</p> <p><b>Place</b> This priority focuses on the standard of the built environment and our neighbourhoods and ensuring our towns and villages are safe and clean.</p> <p><b>Prosperity</b> This priority focuses on safeguarding and enhancing our unique mix of rural and urban communities, promoting sustainable, economic and social opportunities.</p>
Consultation:	Consultation on the preparation of this report has taken place with the Executive Member and other relevant East Herts Council Officers.
Legal:	Not having appropriate technical studies, as part of the District Plan evidence base, may mean that the District Plan will be found to be unsound and the Council will have failed in its statutory requirement to produce and deliver a Development Plan for East Herts District, that has a sound evidence base.
Financial:	It is currently anticipated that those technical studies proposed to be externally prepared by consultants during 2012/13 and 2013/14, where an East Herts Council financial contribution is anticipated, will be funded from agreed Planning Policy budgets for such purposes. Should there be funding issues, a further report will be prepared to consider ways of addressing this.
Human Resource:	Existing Planning Policy staff resources will be required to commission and project manage the various technical studies.
Risk Management:	Not having appropriate technical studies as part of the District Plan evidence base, may mean that the District Plan will be found to be unsound and the Council will

	have failed in its statutory requirement to produce and deliver a Development Plan for East Herts District, that has a sound evidence base.
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