

EAST HERTS COUNCIL

DISTRICT PLANNING EXECUTIVE PANEL - 28 NOVEMBER 2012  
EXECUTIVE – 4 DECEMBER 2012

REPORT BY EXECUTIVE MEMBER FOR STRATEGIC PLANNING  
AND TRANSPORT

DISTRICT PLAN PART 1 – STRATEGY SUPPORTING DOCUMENT:  
MEMBER COMMENTS

WARD(S) AFFECTED: ALL

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**Purpose/Summary of Report**

- This report details the issues raised in the responses made by Members following the District Planning Executive Panel held on 26<sup>th</sup> July 2012, in respect of the feedback period agreed regarding agenda items 8, 9 and 10, together with additional matters raised regarding agenda items 6 and 7 and other general issues.

**RECOMMENDATIONS FOR DISTRICT PLANNING EXECUTIVE**  
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## 1.0 Background

1.1 At the Meeting of the District Planning Executive Panel held on 26<sup>th</sup> July 2012, a period for Member comment until 31 August 2012 was agreed for three agenda items. The issues that these involved comprised:

- Agenda Item 8: District Plan Part 1 – Strategy Supporting Document:

Update Report on the proposed Appendix B: Documents and Feedback;

- Agenda Item 9: District Plan Part 1 – Strategy Supporting Document – Material Changes to Draft Topic Assessments:

The proposed Material Changes to the Draft Topic Assessments attached at Essential Reference Paper ‘B’; and

- Agenda Item 10: District Plan Part 1 – Strategy Supporting Document – Chapter 4: Places, and Next Steps:

The factual content of Essential Reference Papers ‘B’ and ‘C’ of the report submitted.

## 2.0 Report

2.1 In response to the invitation to Members to submit comments at the meeting of the District Planning Executive Panel held on 26<sup>th</sup> July 2012 on the above three agenda items, comments have been received by the Planning Policy Team from six Members, comprising Councillors: Bull, Jones, Newman, Page, Poulton and Woodward.

2.2 The majority of the comments made specifically relate to agenda items where a response was invited. However, other observations relating to additional agenda items (namely, 6: Sub-District Population and Household Forecasts – Parish Groupings and Towns: Phase 1 (May 2012); and, 7: Strategic Land Availability Assessment – Stage 2 – Update Report) were also received, along with remarks relating to more general issues concerning the development of the Plan.

- 2.3 It is acknowledged that these additional comments fall outside the range of the agreed agenda items. However, it is considered that in this instance, it would be appropriate for the scope to be expanded to address them. This is to ensure that a more complete understanding of the issues raised at this stage can be reached, which should thereby avoid the potential need to address these points at subsequent stages of Plan development.
- 2.4 A schedule summarising the comments received from Members and the Officer responses to them is included at **Essential Reference Paper 'B'**.
- 2.5 In each case where a change to the District Plan Part 1 - Strategy Supporting Document is to be considered, the details of where this would occur and suggested text revision have been stated.
- 3.0 Implications/Consultations
- 3.1 Information on any corporate issues and consultation associated with this report can be found within **Essential Reference Paper 'A'**.

#### Background Papers

Papers of the District Planning Executive Panel agenda – 26<sup>th</sup> July 2012  
<http://online.eastherts.gov.uk/moderngov/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=151&MId=2025&Ver=4>

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