

EAST HERTS COUNCIL

DISTRICT PLANNING EXECUTIVE PANEL – 21 FEBRUARY 2013  
EXECUTIVE – 5 MARCH 2013

REPORT BY EXECUTIVE MEMBER FOR  
STRATEGIC PLANNING AND TRANSPORT

DISTRICT PLAN PART 1 – STRATEGY SUPPORTING DOCUMENT:  
MEMBER COMMENTS AND ADDITIONAL AMENDMENTS TO TEXT

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 28<sup>th</sup> November 2012, in respect of the feedback period agreed regarding agenda item 11. It also provides details of updated information received which necessitates revision to the Supporting Document at paragraphs 5.3.116 and 5.3.123.

**RECOMMENDATIONS FOR DISTRICT PLANNING EXECUTIVE**  
**PANEL AND EXECUTIVE: That:**

<b>(A)</b>	<b>the responses made by Members in respect of agenda item 11 of the District Planning Executive Panel on 28<sup>th</sup> November 2012 be noted;</b>
<b>(B)</b>	<b>the Officer responses to the comments made and any consequent amendments to the District Plan: Part 1 - Strategy Supporting Document be supported; and</b>
<b>(C)</b>	<b>the proposed amendments to the District Plan: Part 1 - Strategy Supporting Document at paragraphs 5.3.116 and 5.3.123 to be made as a result of the receipt of updated information, be supported.</b>

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(B)	the Officer responses to the comments made and any consequent amendments to the District Plan: Part 1 - Strategy Supporting Document be agreed; and
(C)	the proposed amendments to the District Plan: Part 1 - Strategy Supporting Document at paragraphs 5.3.116 and 5.3.123 to be made as a result of the receipt of updated information, be agreed.

## 1.0 Background

1.1 At the Meeting of the District Planning Executive Panel held on 28<sup>th</sup> November 2012, a period for Member comment until 21 December 2012 was agreed relating to:

- Agenda Item 11: District Plan Part 1 – Strategy Supporting Document: Update Report – relating to the first three sections of Chapter 5 Options Refinement.

## 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 28<sup>th</sup> November 2012, on the above agenda item, comments have been received by the Planning Policy Team from 4 Members, comprising Councillors: Buckmaster, Bull, Ranger and Ruffles.

2.2 A schedule summarising the comments received from Members and the Officer responses to them is included at **Essential Reference Paper 'B'**.

2.3 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 any suggested text revision have been stated.

2.4 Additional to these proposed revisions as a result of Member comments, further alterations to the District Plan Part 1 - Strategy Supporting Document are proposed. These are in response to further research since the Council previously considered the matter of overhead power lines at paragraphs 5.3.116 and 5.3.123.

2.5 This research has clarified that the requirements around overhead power lines apply to vertical clearance of the cables carrying electric current, to provide access to equipment, and to enable maintenance. Set-back from power lines horizontally is a matter of good urban design. This additional research requires amendment to the findings of the above paragraphs in relation to this. The suggested amendments are provided in **Essential Reference Paper 'C'**.

### 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 – 28<sup>th</sup> November 2012

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