

EAST HERTS COUNCIL

DISTRICT PLANNING EXECUTIVE PANEL – 16 JANUARY 2014

REPORT BY EXECUTIVE MEMBER FOR STRATEGIC PLANNING  
AND TRANSPORT

INTERIM DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY REPORT (JANUARY 2014)

WARD(S) AFFECTED: ALL

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**Purpose/Summary of Report**

- This report presents the Interim Development Strategy Report, which sets out the justification of Part 1 of the District Plan. It should be read alongside the Strategy Worksheet, Key Diagram, and the Frequently Asked Questions document, all of which are presented as Essential Reference Papers to the report.

<b><u>RECOMMENDATIONS FOR DISTRICT PLANNING EXECUTIVE PANEL/EXECUTIVE: That:</u></b>	
<b>(A)</b>	<b>the Interim Development Strategy Report, January 2014, be supported as part of the evidence base to inform and support the East Herts District Plan; and</b>
<b>(B)</b>	<b>the Head of Planning and Building Control, in consultation with the Executive Member for Strategic Planning and Transport, be authorised to make non-material, and typographical corrections to the Interim Development Strategy Report and Essential Reference Papers, prior to publication for consultation purposes.</b>
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## 1.0 Background

1.1 The Draft District Plan Part 1: Development Strategy contains the place-specific policies, including site allocations and locations for development. This aspect of the plan is driven by what is known as the 'development strategy' and is based on the principles and requirements contained within the National Planning Policy Framework or NPPF.

## 2.0 Report

2.1 The Interim Development Strategy Report contains the justification of the development strategy. It will be available as part of the public consultation on the draft plan. The report is contained at **Essential Reference Paper 'B'**.

2.2 The Strategy Worksheet demonstrates how national housing requirements will be achieved. The Strategy Worksheet is attached at **Essential Reference Paper 'C'**. To enable easy cross-reference row and column headings are provided on the worksheet, and the main features are explained further in Section 4.6 of the Interim Development Strategy report.

2.3 The Key Diagram provides a simplified, high-level graphic interpretation of the development strategy. It is presented at **Essential Reference Paper 'D'**. An explanation of the main features of the development strategy by reference to the Key Diagram is provided in Chapter 6 of the interim report. The Key Diagram is part of the draft District Plan and is therefore also included alongside the full draft District Plan under agenda item 9.

2.4 To provide further clarification and explanation of key aspects of the development strategy and the draft District Plan, a document containing Frequently Asked Questions and Council responses is provided at **Essential Reference Paper 'E'**. This will also be made available as part of the public consultation.

### 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

The Interim Development Strategy and other key parts of the evidence base are also available on the Council's website at [www.eastherts.gov.uk/strategyreport](http://www.eastherts.gov.uk/strategyreport)

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