

EAST HERTS COUNCIL

DISTRICT PLANNING EXECUTIVE PANEL – 16 JANUARY 2014

REPORT BY EXECUTIVE MEMBER FOR STRATEGIC PLANNING
AND TRANSPORT

INFRASTRUCTURE TOPIC PAPER (JANUARY 2014)

WARD(S) AFFECTED: ALL

Purpose/Summary of Report

- This report presents the Infrastructure Topic Paper, which sets out the main infrastructure issues arising from Part 1 of the draft District Plan;
- The work presented in the Topic Paper is proportionate to the requirements of plan-making at this stage;
- The report outlines the main areas for further work during 2014, including the preparation of an Infrastructure Delivery Plan to support the District Plan, which will be submitted to the Planning Inspectorate for examination in public in 2015.

**RECOMMENDATION FOR DISTRICT PLANNING EXECUTIVE
PANEL/EXECUTIVE: That:**

(A)	The Infrastructure Topic Paper, January 2014, be supported as part of the evidence base to inform and support the East Herts District Plan.

RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL: That:

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1.0 Background

1.1 Two reports have been considered by the Council in relation to the approach to infrastructure planning. These are listed under Background Papers below.

1.2 The District Plan Update Report, 3 October 2013 stated that:

Paragraph 2.18 “The Infrastructure Topic Paper will form a succinct statement of prospects for the provision of the main items of capital expenditure to support the plan. It will not contain detailed assessments of funding packages and infrastructure costs, but will review the main messages from the key infrastructure and service providers, and identify the next steps towards examination.”

Paragraph 2.19 “The Topic Paper will be proportionate to NPPF requirements at draft Plan stage. As explained in July, more detail, including on a wider range of infrastructure types, and also including funding and costing detail, will be accumulated as the Topic Paper gradually evolves and expands in a Delivery Plan. The Delivery Plan will be accompanied by an infrastructure schedule for ongoing monitoring and updating throughout the lifetime of the plan.”

1.3 Chapters 1 and 2 of the Infrastructure Topic Paper set out the scope and overall approach. Chapter 6 explains the next steps, including the preparation of the Delivery Study and Infrastructure Delivery (IDP) which will support the District Plan at Examination in Public in 2015.

2.0 Report

2.1 The Infrastructure Topic Paper is based on the approach agreed by the Council in relation to the previous reports set out under Background Papers. The report is contained at **Essential Reference Paper ‘B’**. The Topic Paper will be available as part of the public consultation on the draft plan.

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 Infrastructure Topic Paper and other key parts of the evidence base are also available on the Council’s website at

www.eastherts.gov.uk/infrastructure

The approach to the Infrastructure Topic Paper is based on the approach outlined in the following reports to the District Planning Executive Panel:

- District Plan Update Report – 3 October 2013
- District Plan Update Report – 25 July 2013

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