

EAST HERTS COUNCIL

NON-KEY DECISION – NKD19/12

REPORT BY THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL AND THE EXECUTIVE
MEMBER FOR PLANNING AND GROWTH

BENGEO NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN 2019-2033 PRE-SUBMISSION
DRAFT (REGULATION 14)

WARD(S) AFFECTED: Hertford Bengo Ward

Purpose/Summary of Report

- The purpose of this report is to agree the Council's response to the Bengo Neighbourhood Plan 2019-2033 Pre-Submission Draft (Regulation 14).

<u>RECOMMENDATION FOR DECISION: That:</u>	
(A)	Hertford Town Council be advised that the District Council welcomes the opportunity to comment on the Bengo Neighbourhood Area Plan and that the response at Essential Reference Paper 'B' be submitted to the Town Council for their consideration.

1.0 Background

- 1.1 East Herts Council received an application from Hertford Town Council for the designation for the designation of a Neighbourhood Area on 29 March 2017. The Council's Executive formally agreed to designate Bengo Ward as a Neighbourhood Area on 27 June 2017.

2.0 Report

- 2.1 Before a plan is formally submitted to the local planning authority, Hertford Town Council must carry out a pre-submission consultation and publicity in accordance with Regulation 14 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012.
- 2.2 A public consultation is currently being held which runs from 15 July 2019 to 15 September 2019 with 2 drop-in events being held on 14 August 2019 and 7 September 2019.
- 2.3 The consultation documents are available on the Town Council's website at <https://www.hertford.gov.uk/page-neighbourhood-plans-89/>. In addition, the summary document is being delivered to every household and business in the ward.
- 2.4 The Neighbourhood Plan's vision has been translated into a set of objectives under these policy areas:
- Green Spaces, Landscape Views, Nature Conservation, Air Quality
 - Community, Heritage, Culture
 - Sustainable Travel
 - Homes and development
 - Sustainable Commercial Growth
- 2.5 East Herts District Council welcomes the opportunity to comment on the Pre-submission Neighbourhood Plan. Whilst there are still a number of stages to complete before the Plan can potentially be adopted (including a further public consultation (Reg. 16), examination and referendum,) the Town Council should be commended for their work to date.
- 2.6 **Essential Reference Paper 'B'** contains the Council's response to the draft Neighbourhood Plan. **Essential Reference Paper 'C'** contains a copy of the Neighbourhood 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

None

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