

EAST HERTS COUNCIL

NON-KEY DECISION – NKD19/15

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

MUCH HADHAM NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN 2019 PRE-SUBMISSION
DRAFT (REGULATION 14)

WARD(S) AFFECTED: MUCH HADHAM

Purpose/Summary of Report

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

RECOMMENDATION FOR DECISION: That:

(A)	Much Hadham Parish Council be advised that East Hertfordshire District Council welcomes the opportunity to comment on the Much Hadham Neighbourhood Plan and that the response at Essential Reference Paper 'B' be submitted to the Parish Council for their consideration.
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1.0 Background

1.1 East Herts Council received an application from Much Hadham Parish Council for the designation of a Neighbourhood Area on 4 June 2015. The Council's Executive formally agreed to designate Much Hadham Parish as a Neighbourhood Area on 1 September 2015.

2.0 Report

- 2.1 Before a plan is formally submitted to the local planning authority, Much Hadham Parish 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 12 August 2019 to 30 September 2019.
- 2.3 The consultation documents are available on the Much Hadham Neighbourhood Plan website at <https://www.muchhadhamnp.com/news>. In addition, a summary document is being delivered to every household and business in the Parish.
- 2.4 The Neighbourhood Plan's vision has been translated into a set of objectives that focus on particular areas such as:
- Protecting the character and community of Much Hadham
 - Meeting the housing target through sustainable development
 - Preserving and enhancing woodlands, green spaces and green corridors,
 - Ensuring connectivity
- 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 Parish Council should be commended for their hard 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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