

East Herts Council Non-Key Decision Report

Date: 1 December 2021

Report by: Councillor Jan Goodeve – Executive Member for Planning and Growth

Report title: Kingsmead Neighbourhood Area Plan: Pre-Submission Regulation 14 Consultation

Ward(s) affected: Kingsmead Ward

Summary:

- This purpose of this report is to agree the Council's response to the Kingsmead Neighbourhood Plan: Pre-Submission consultation (Regulation 14).

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR DECISION: That:
Hertford Town Council be advised that the District Council welcomes the opportunity to comment on the Kingsmead Neighbourhood Plan Pre-Submission Version and that the response at 'Appendix A' be submitted to the Town Council for their consideration.

1.0 Proposal(s)

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

2.0 Background

- 2.1 Neighbourhood planning was introduced by the Government under the Localism Act in 2011. The Town and Country Planning England Neighbourhood Planning (General)

Regulations 2012 (as amended) came into force on the 6 April 2012 and prescribe both the process, and role of the local planning authority in supporting neighbourhood planning. In East Herts, Parish or Town Councils are qualifying bodies able to produce a Neighbourhood Plan.

2.2 East Herts Council received an application from Hertford Town Council for the designation of a Neighbourhood Area for Kingsmead ward in October 2019. The Kingsmead Neighbourhood Area was then designated on the 11th February 2020.

3.0 Reason

3.1 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.

3.2 A public consultation is currently being held, which runs from 7 November 2021 to 20 December 2021.

3.3 The consultation documents are available on the Kingsmead Neighbourhood Plan website at:
<https://www.knphertford.org/forum/knp-news-and-updates>

3.4 The Neighbourhood Plan's vision has been translated into a set of objectives that focus on particular areas such as:

- Enhancing green spaces and biodiversity;
- Improving access to services and facilities;
- Ensuring connectivity through improvements to cycle/footpaths routes, helping residents to live more sustainable and healthy lifestyles.

3.5 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 hard work to date.

3.6 **Appendix 'A'** contains the Council's response to the draft Neighbourhood Plan. **Appendix 'B'** contains a copy of the draft Neighbourhood Plan.

4.0 Options

4.1 The Council could choose not to comment on the Pre-submission Neighbourhood Plan.

5.0 Risks

5.1 If the Council does not comment on the Neighbourhood Plan then the Council's view would not be taken into consideration during the re-draft of the Plan.

6.0 Implications/Consultations

6.1 The Neighbourhood Plan is currently subject to public consultation. A future consultation will also take place (Regulation 16 consultation) in due course.

Community Safety

No

Data Protection

No

Equalities

No

Environmental Sustainability

The Plan contains policies that aim to protect the environment.

Financial

No

Health and Safety

No

Human Resources

No

Human Rights

No

Legal

No

Specific Wards

Kingsmead Ward

7.0 Background papers, appendices and other relevant material

Appendix A: Council's response: Schedule of Comments

Appendix B: Kingsmead Pre-Submission Neighbourhood Area Plan

Contact Member

Councillor Jan Goodeve – Executive Member for Planning and Growth
jan.goodeve@eastherts.gov.uk

Contact Officer

Sara Saunders – Head of Planning and Building Control, Tel: 01992 531656. sara.saunders@eastherts.gov.uk

Report Author

Laura Guy – Principal Planning Officer, Tel: 01992 531553.

laura.guy@eastherts.gov.uk