

East Herts Council – Non-Key Decision Record
Record of executive decision made by an individual under
Regulation 13 of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements)
(Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012

Reference Number: NKD22/06

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

Decision

In accordance with Regulation 9 of the Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004, the District Council, as the responsible authority, has determined that an environmental assessment of the emerging Kingsmead Neighbourhood Area Plan is not required as it is unlikely to have significant environmental effects. In making this determination, the District Council has had regard to Schedule 1 of the Regulations and has carried out consultation with the consultation bodies; and

The emerging Hertford Neighbourhood Area Plan is unlikely to have a significant effect upon a Natura 2000 designation and therefore does not require an HRA.

Date of Decision

17 March 2022

Reason(s) for decision

The purpose of this report is to determine whether or not a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) and/or a Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA) of the emerging Kingsmead Neighbourhood Area Plan are required.

Details of alternative options considered and rejected

In order for a Neighbourhood Plan to meet the Basic Conditions it must be compatible with relevant legal obligations. Therefore the Local Planning Authority must determine whether the Plan requires a

Strategic Environmental Assessment or Habitats Regulations Assessment. A Neighbourhood Plan cannot proceed through examination without fulfilling the legal requirements of the SEA and HRA process.

Does the decision or report contain exempt information?

No

State nature of any declaration of conflict of interest made by any Executive Member who is consulted by the Member taking the decision

None

State, in respect of any declared conflict of interest, whether any dispensation has been granted

None

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