

## ESSENTIAL REFERENCE PAPER 'A'

### IMPLICATIONS/CONSULTATIONS

Contribution to the Council's Corporate Priorities/ Objectives (delete as appropriate):	<p><b>People</b> This priority focuses on enhancing the quality of life, health and wellbeing, particularly for those who are vulnerable, and delivering strong services</p> <p><b>Place</b> This priority focuses on sustainability, the built environment and ensuring our towns and villages are safe and clean.</p> <p><b>Prosperity</b> This priority focuses on safeguarding and enhancing our unique mix of rural and urban communities, promoting sustainable, economic opportunities and delivering cost effective services.</p>
Consultation:	A wide range of consultation has been undertaken in preparing the proposed Draft East Herts District Plan and further consultation is proposed, as detailed in this report and set out in the Consultation Strategy at ERP 'F'.
Legal:	There are no direct legal implications of this report.
Financial:	There are no direct financial implications arising from this report. The cost of preparing a District Plan is significant and has been budgeted for over the duration of its preparation. Preparing one single Local (District) Plan rather than two separate Development Plan Documents (Core Strategy and Site Allocations) will mean that cost and time savings will be achieved.
Human Resource:	Additional staff resource has been agreed to ensure the ongoing timely preparation of the District Plan.
Risk Management:	The preparation of the District Plan is major project for the Council. Full project and risk management procedures are being employed. Not having an up to date Plan in place will make it more difficult for the Council to defend the District against inappropriate development.