

**EAST HERTS COUNCIL
LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK
EVIDENCE BASE – TECHNICAL STUDIES
2009/10 AND 2010/11**

Acronyms

CIL	–	Community Infrastructure Levy
DfT	–	Department for Transport
EEDA	–	East of England Development Agency
GAF3	–	Growth Area Funding (Government) Round 3 2008-2011
HCC	–	Hertfordshire County Council
HIIS	–	Herts Infrastructure and Investment Study
HIPP	–	Herts Infrastructure and Planning Partnership
HRA/AA		Habitat Regulations Assessment/Appropriate Assessment
LCB	–	London Commuter Belt (East)/M11 Sub-Region
LPA	–	Local Planning Authority
PCT	–	Primary Care Trust
POD	–	Programme of Development (Government)
PPS	–	Planning Policy Statement (Government)
SA/SEA and	–	Sustainability Appraisal/Strategic Environmental Assessment and
SHLAA	–	Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment

Studies Completed 2009/10

Study Title	Study Purpose	Completion Date	Cost/Funding Source	Consultant
<p>Hertfordshire Climate Change Study</p> <p>Stage 1 Scoping Report</p>	<p>To seek expert consultancy advice on how the planning system in Hertfordshire can most effectively respond to all aspects of the climate change/renewable energy agenda.</p> <p>Stage 1 was a scoping report, intended to provide a comprehensive assessment of the current contribution of the planning sector in Hertfordshire towards a reduction in CO2 and the wider climate change agenda. To draw up a 'long list' of proposed areas where Hertfordshire planning authorities could perform better. To draw up a targeted 'short list' of costed and timed proposals.</p>	<p>Stage 1 – September 2009</p>	<p>Total cost: £11,850</p> <p>East Herts Stage 1 contribution £1185 in 2009/10.</p> <p>Joint Herts Local Authority Partnership comprising HCC and 9 Herts Districts (excluding Stevenage).</p>	<p>Aecom.</p>
<p>Hertfordshire Infrastructure and Investment Study (HIIS)</p>	<p>The objectives of this study are to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • develop a funding model for Hertfordshire and suggest a suitable Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL); • recognise district-by-district variations in land values and infrastructure needs; • inform local planning authorities and public service agencies of likely future demands and needs arising from housing growth; • provide a better understanding of the infrastructure implications of growth, especially in the Regional Plan Key Centres for Development and Change (KCDC). 	<p>October 2009</p>	<p>Total cost: £461,000 – Non transportation work.</p> <p>East Herts Council contribution £10,000 paid 2008/09.</p> <p>Joint funding partnership including HCC, all 10 Herts Districts. DfT, EEDA, Herts Prosperity.</p>	<p>Atkins, Roger Tym and URS.</p>

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Rye Meads Water Cycle Study	The study will assess the impact of planned growth on water cycle processes, water infrastructure capacity and environmental capacity. It will recommend viable infrastructure options to accommodate planned growth and ensure water infrastructure is not a limiting factor to the growth of the area.	October 2009	Total cost: £250,000 – GAF3 - POD Local authority partnership of East Herts, North Herts, Epping Forest, Broxbourne, Harlow and Stevenage Councils. No East Herts Council funding.	Hyder Consulting.
Strategic Housing Market Assessment (SHMA)	This study will look at how local housing markets operate and assess both current and future housing need and demand. The findings and recommendations will be used for both planning policy and housing strategy purposes across East Herts District. The Study covers the period 2008 to 2026.	January 2010	Total cost: £60,000 East Herts Council contribution £10,000 paid 2008/09. Equal joint local authority funding partnership for the London Commuter Belt East/M11 Sub-Region, comprising Brentwood, Broxbourne, East Herts, Epping Forest, Harlow and Uttlesford Councils.	Opinion Research Services (ORS) and Savills L&P.

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<p>Harlow Area Appraisal of Planning Transport and Infrastructure Options</p>	<p>This study has four main objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To formulate a set of criteria to aid the identification of sustainable locations for regeneration and growth and new Green Belt Areas (stage 1). • To provide evidence of the spatial options for delivery of regeneration and growth in and around Harlow (stage 2). • To inform the scale, phasing and sequencing of regeneration and growth and the implementation requirements required to support the range of options for delivering the regeneration and growth of Harlow and the surrounding areas (stage 3). • To provide a framework to implement plan-monitor-manager (P-M-M) to demonstrate housing can be implemented at the required pace and ensure regeneration and growth are balanced and sustainable (stage 4). <p>This study covers the period 2009 to 2031.</p>	<p>January 2010</p>	<p>£144,500 – GAF3 – POD.</p> <p>Cost includes SA/SEA and HRA/AA of Core Strategy Issues and Options – see below.</p> <p>No East Herts Council funding.</p>	<p>Scott Wilson.</p>
<p>Harlow Infrastructure Study Stage 2</p>	<p>This Stage 2 Study focuses on the requirements for future growth of Harlow, setting our housing delivery rates and key infrastructure requirements and costs.</p>	<p>March 2010</p>	<p>Harlow Council/ Harlow Renaissance/ Essex County Council and English Partnership (Now part of the Homes and Communities Agency).</p> <p>No East Herts Council funding.</p>	<p>Atkins/Roger Tym and Partners.</p>

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East Herts Sustainability Appraisal: Final Scoping Report	Establish the framework for undertaking the Sustainability Appraisal of the East Herts LDF, as well as an evidence base to inform the identification and evaluation of impacts. The framework and evidence base are documented in the Scoping Report.	March 2010	Funded from GAF3 – POD, as part of Harlow Options Appraisal Study costs of £144,500. No East Herts Council funding.	Scott Wilson.

Studies Completed So Far 2010/11

Study Title	Study Purpose	Completion Date	Cost/Funding Source	Consultant
East Herts LDF Core Strategy Issues and Options Sustainability Appraisal and Habitats Regulation Assessment	Provide an SA/SEA and HRA of the LDF Core Strategy Issues and Options Consultation Document.	April 2010	Funded from GAF3 – POD, as part of Harlow Appraisal Study costs of £144,500. No East Herts Council funding.	Scott Wilson.
Hertfordshire Renewable and Low Carbon Energy Technical Study Stage 2	This Stage 2 Study addresses LDF policy development and the required supporting technical evidence base to support this process. See separate report to this LDF Panel meeting.	July 2010	Total cost: £48,350 East Herts Council contribution £4630 paid 2009/10. Joint Herts Local Authority Partnership comprising HCC and 9 Herts Districts (excluding Stevenage).	Aecom.

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Study Title	Study Purpose	Completion Date	Cost/Funding Source	Consultant
<p>East Herts Playing Pitch Strategy and Outdoor Sports Assessment</p>	<p>The PPG17 Audit and Assessment carried out in 2005 recommended that a Playing Pitch Strategy be undertaken, as part of a wider facilities strategy, to enable surplus and deficiencies in provision to be identified more accurately in accordance with local needs.</p> <p>The Playing Pitch Strategy and Outdoor Sports Audit provides:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a comprehensive assessment of the supply of and demand for outdoor playing pitches in East Herts, through the application of the Sport England Playing Pitch Model; • an analysis of the quantity and quality of outdoor sports facilities in the district; • advise on local standards of provision for planning purposes, for outdoor sports facilities; • consideration of the adequacy of existing provision against these standards; • recommendations on appropriate strategy and policy responses; and • an approach towards developer contributions. <p>This Strategy will cover the period to 2026.</p> <p>See separate report to this LDF Panel meeting.</p>	<p>July 2010</p>	<p>20 days free Sport England consultancy advice under its Facilities Improvement Service.</p> <p>Separate Consultants Study:</p> <p>East Herts Council funding total cost £14,725.</p> <p>East Herts Council Planning Policy Budget £9,725, Community & Cultural Services £5,000.</p>	<p>Knight, Kavanagh and Page (KKP).</p>

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Study Title	Study Purpose	Completion Date	Cost/Funding Source	Consultant
<p>Strategic Housing Market Assessment (SHMA) Viability Assessment Final Report</p>	<p>Undertake a strategic assessment of the viability of the recommendations of the SHMA Study (January 2010) and the economics of development, to inform affordable housing policies and targets. The study tests a range of development scenarios and circumstances and will set the framework for further detailed testing of specific sites, as part of the Council's housing trajectory, and SHLAA.</p> <p>See separate report to this LDF Panel meeting.</p>	<p>September 2010</p>	<p>£29,700. Government – GAF3 - POD funding. No East Herts Council funding. Partnership for London Commuter Belt East/M11 Sub-Region, comprising Brentwood, East Herts, Epping Forest, Harlow and Uttlesford.</p>	<p>Level.</p>

Studies Started 2009/10/On-going/Proposed for 2010				
Study Title	Study Purpose	Completion Date	Cost/Funding Source	Consultant
<p>'Call for Sites' part of on-going Strategic Land Availability Assessment (SLAA), incorporating Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (SHLAA)</p>	<p>The 'Call for Sites' process forms part of the on-going SLAA. Landowners, developers, Town and Parish Councils, and others with an interest in land in East Herts, were requested to submit suggestions for sites for all types of land use and development from residential to community facilities.</p> <p>The 'Call for Sites' will be a list of suggestions made by those who submitted them. This information will be used to help inform on-going work or developing new planning policies, as part of the Local Development Framework (LDF) process.</p> <p>The 'Call for Sites' consultation ran for three months between March and June 2009. The SLAA is an ongoing piece of work that is anticipated to be updated on an annual basis as part of the Council's Annual Monitoring Report (AMR). However, a full re-survey or re-issuing of the 'Call for Sites' may be required to inform a review of DPDs, or if it is no longer possible to demonstrate a five year supply of deliverable sites for housing.</p> <p>Viability assessment, as part of SLAA work, anticipated to require engagement of external consultants in due course.</p>	<p>Initial Phase June 2009</p> <p>On-going</p> <p>To be determined</p>	<p>In-house staff resources to date.</p> <p>To be determined</p>	<p>'Call for Sites' – In-house staff resources.</p> <p>To be determined</p>
<p>Harlow Stansted Gateway Transport Model</p>	<p>The project will create a transportation model of the Harlow Stansted gateway area, capable of reproducing existing significant transport movements in the study area. This will then be used as the basis for forecasting the impact of housing and related developments and assist in assessing the transport infrastructure required to support the developments.</p> <p>The study area covers the Harlow Stansted Gateway area, including the south-east quadrant of East Herts, from the A414 in south, A10 in west, A120 in north, plus Bishop's Stortford, Sawbridgeworth, Stansted Mountfitchet, Elsenham and Stansted Airport.</p> <p>This Study covers the period 2008 to 2031.</p>	<p>Autumn 2010</p>	<p>Total cost: £255,950 Stage 1 Transport Model Development. GAF3 – POD, Essex and Herts County Councils, Highways Agency.</p> <p>No East Herts Council funding.</p>	<p>Faber Maunsell</p>

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Hertford and Ware Urban Transport Plan	<p>This study identifies the transportation needs of Hertford and Ware, potential schemes and allows prioritisation and delivery through the Herts Local Transport Plan (LTP) and other funding mechanisms, such as Section 106 contributions.</p> <p>This Study covers the period to 2021 (with review after first five years).</p> <p>Refer to East Herts Council Non-Key Report No. 10/20 (August 2010).</p>	November 2010	<p>£120,000 total cost. HCC - £100,000. £20,000 Section 106 financial contributions, collected via development proposals in the Mead Lane Area, Hertford, for Mead Lane area modelling.</p> <p>No East Herts Council funding</p>	WSP.
District Green Infrastructure Plans and 'Strategic Highlights' Green Infrastructure Plan in Hertfordshire and parts of Essex	<p>This study will provide seven compatible Green Infrastructure Plans (GIPs) at a district level scale, for the participating Herts Districts, and an overarching Strategic Highlights Green Infrastructure Plan (SHiP) for Hertfordshire and the Green Arc Area.</p> <p>District level GIPs will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • support policies and proposals in LDF's • identify and cost robust proposals for new Green Infrastructure • facilitate the option of district scale GI levies (or similar). <p>The SHiP will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • highlight existing strategic GI • identify where strategic bodies (such as County Councils) should be making investments • facilitate strategic GI levies where these are appropriate to complement district levies supported by the GIPs. 	March 2011	<p>£72,149</p> <p>Partnership of HCC, East Herts, Dacorum, Hertsmere, Three Rivers, St. Albans, Watford, Welwyn Hatfield, Natural England, Forestry Commission, Environment Agency, Green Arc Partnership (north and east London and southern parts of Herts and Essex)</p> <p>East Herts Council Contribution £10,000 to be paid 2010/11.</p>	Land Use Consultants (LUC)

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SUMMARY FINANCIAL TABLE

Funding Source	2009/10 Spend	20010/11 Anticipated /proposed spend (as at September 2010)
East Herts Council	£20,540	£10,000
<p>External Funding, contributing to East Herts LDF Evidence Base, excluding any East Herts Council contribution.</p> <p>(N.B: Not readily able to identify spending split for external funding between the two financial years).</p>	£660,734	