

ESSENTIAL REFERENCE PAPER 'A'

IMPLICATIONS/CONSULTATIONS

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| Contribution to the Council's Corporate Priorities/ Objectives (delete as appropriate): | <p>People – Fair and accessible services for those that use them and opportunities for everyone to contribute</p> <p>This priority focuses on delivering strong services and seeking to enhance the quality of life, health and wellbeing, particularly for those who are vulnerable.</p> <p>Place – Safe and Clean</p> <p>This priority focuses on sustainability, the built environment and ensuring our towns and villages are safe and clean.</p> <p>Prosperity – Improving the economic and social opportunities available to our communities</p> <p>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: | None |
| Legal: | None |
| Financial: | The Council has contributed towards the preparation of the Strategic Housing Market Assessment (SHMA) along with the other authorities in the Housing Market Area (Epping Forest, Harlow and Uttlesford). The cost of this has been met from existing budgets. |
| Human Resource: | None |
| Risk Management: | The preparation of the SHMA is a key piece of evidence to demonstrate that the Council is making adequate provision for housing as part of the District Plan. Failure to have an up-to-date SHMA would represent a significant risk that the District Plan would be found unsound. |
| Health and wellbeing – issues and impacts: | The link between planning and health has been long established. The built and natural environments are major determinants of health and wellbeing. |