

EAST HERTS COUNCIL

DISTRICT PLANNING EXECUTIVE PANEL – 21 JULY 2016

REPORT BY LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

EAST HERTS DRAFT DISTRICT PLAN – CHAPTER 1 – INTRODUCTION: RESPONSE TO ISSUES RAISED DURING PREFERRED OPTIONS CONSULTATION

WARD(S) AFFECTED: ALL

Purpose/Summary of Report

The purpose of this report is:

- To bring to Members' attention the issues raised through the Preferred Options consultation in connection with Chapter 1 (Introduction) of the Draft District Plan Preferred Options version, together with Officer responses to those issues.

<u>RECOMMENDATIONS FOR DISTRICT PLANNING EXECUTIVE PANEL: That Council, via the Executive, be advised that:</u>	
(A)	the issues raised in respect of Chapter 1 (Introduction) of the Draft District Plan Preferred Options, as detailed at Essential Reference Paper 'B' to this report, be received and considered; and
(B)	the Officer response to the issues referred to in (A) above, as detailed in Essential Reference Paper 'B' to this report, be agreed.

1.0 Background

- 1.1 The Council published its Draft District Plan Preferred Options for consultation for a period of twelve weeks between 27th February and 22nd May 2014. Several thousand comments were received through the consultation exercise from over a thousand stakeholders including statutory consultees and members of the public.

1.2 In order to manage these comments, the Council's agreed approach, as set out in its Statement of Community Involvement (October 2013), is to summarise the issues raised through the consultation and record how these issues have been used to inform the next draft of the District Plan.

1.3 This report presents the Issue Report for the Introduction at **Essential Reference Paper 'B'**.

2.0 Report

2.1 The Issue Report summarises the issues raised through the Preferred Options Consultation and the issues are grouped according to the section of the Draft Plan they relate to. The table presents an officer response to each issue and then sets out whether or not it is proposed that any subsequent proposed amendments to the text or policies of the draft Plan be made as a result.

2.2 Rather than presenting a 'track change' iteration of the previous version it is considered appropriate that the Introduction be rewritten. The Introduction was written in the context of the Preferred Options Draft District Plan and so needs to reflect the next stage in the Plan Making process. Therefore, unlike the approach taken for the Topic Chapters, the Issue Report for this Chapter does not specify a form of wording that any proposed amendment should take.

2.3 Instead, a revised chapter, which will take account of the comments identified in the Issue Report, will be brought before Members for consideration at the District Planning Executive Panel meeting on 25th August.

2.4 Members are therefore invited to agree the Issue Report, as detailed in Essential Reference Paper 'B' to this report, as a basis for informing a redrafted chapter on the Introduction in the final draft District Plan.

3.0 Implications/Consultations

3.1 Information on any corporate issues and consultation associated with this report can be found within **Essential Reference Paper 'A'**.

Background Papers

None

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