

EAST HERTS COUNCIL

DISTRICT PLANNING EXECUTIVE PANEL – 15 SEPTEMBER 2016

REPORT BY LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

EAST HERTS DISTRICT PLAN – APPENDICES – RESPONSE TO  
ISSUES RAISED DURING PREFERRED OPTIONS CONSULTATION  
AND UPDATED APPENDIX C: MONITORING FRAMEWORK AND  
APPENDIX D: GLOSSARY

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WARD(S) AFFECTED: ALL

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**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 the Appendices to the Draft District Plan Preferred Options version, together with Officer responses to those issues; to present to Members a revised Appendix C: Monitoring Framework and Appendix D: Glossary; and, to seek agreement to include these appendices within the East Herts District Plan Pre-Submission Version, 2016.

**RECOMMENDATIONS FOR DISTRICT PLANNING EXECUTIVE  
PANEL: That Council, via the Executive, be advised that:**

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| <b>(A)</b> | <b>the issues raised in respect of Appendices to the Draft District Plan Preferred Options, as detailed at Essential Reference Paper 'B' to this report, be received and considered;</b>  |
| <b>(B)</b> | <b>the Officer response to the issues referred to in (A) above, as detailed in Essential Reference Paper 'B' to this report, be agreed;</b>   |
| <b>(C)</b> | <b>the revised version of 'Appendix C: Monitoring Framework' to the East Herts District Plan Pre-Submission Version, 2016, as detailed at Essential Reference Paper 'C' to this report, be agreed for inclusion in the Pre-Submission East Herts District Plan, 2016; and</b> |

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| (D) | the revised version of 'Appendix D: Glossary' to the East Herts District Plan Pre-Submission Version, 2016, as detailed at Essential Reference Paper 'D' to this report, be agreed for inclusion in the Pre-Submission East Herts District Plan, 2016. |
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## 1.0 Background

- 1.1 The Council published its Draft District Plan Preferred Options for consultation for a period of twelve weeks between 27<sup>th</sup> February and 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 Appendices at **Essential Reference Paper 'B'**. The report further details the proposed revised appendices relating to the Monitoring Framework and Glossary at **Essential Reference Paper 'C'** **Essential Reference Paper 'D'** and seeks agreement of these for incorporation into the version for consultation under Regulation 19 of the Town and Country (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 as amended.

## 2.0 Report

- 2.1 The Issue Report summarises the five issues raised through the Preferred Options Consultation and these are grouped according to the appendix of the Draft Plan which they each relate to. The table presents an officer response to each issue and 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 The consequential proposed amendments are included in a table, which is detailed at **Essential Reference 'B'** to this report. The

table sets out, in appendix order, the issues which have arisen and the changes which are proposed to address these.

- 2.3 As a result of the consideration of the issues raised, it should be noted that 'Appendix C: Open Space Standards' is proposed for deletion. Consequentially, the Monitoring Framework, which was formerly labelled as Appendix D, is now proposed to be renamed as 'Appendix C: Monitoring Framework'. This updated position in respect of the appendices reflects both the Officer proposed responses to representations made to the Preferred Options Consultation in 2014 and also to ensure alignment with the Pre-Submission Plan. A revised version of the Monitoring Framework is included at **Essential Reference Paper 'C'** to this report.
- 2.4 While no representations were made in respect of 'Appendix E: Glossary' through the Draft District Plan Preferred Options Consultation in 2014, there have been numerous changes in local and wider circumstance since that time. It is therefore considered appropriate that the Glossary should be rewritten to take these factors into account. Due to the consequential numbering effects of the deletion of the former 'Appendix C: Open Space Standards', a revised version of proposed 'Appendix D: Glossary' is included at **Essential Reference Paper 'C'** to this report.
- 2.5 Members are invited to agree the Issue Report, as detailed in **Essential Reference Paper 'B'** and draft revised 'Appendix C: Monitoring Framework' and 'Appendix D: Glossary', as detailed at **Essential Reference Papers 'C' and 'D'** to this report, respectively, as a basis for inclusion 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

Previous District Planning Executive Panel reports are all available at:  
<http://democracy.eastherts.gov.uk/mgCommitteeDetails.aspx?ID=151>

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