

EAST HERTS COUNCIL

DISTRICT PLANNING EXECUTIVE PANEL – 13 OCTOBER 2016

REPORT BY LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

EAST HERTS DISTRICT PLAN – INTERIM CONSULTATION STATEMENT

WARD(S) AFFECTED: ALL

Purpose/Summary of Report

The purpose of this report is:

- To present to Members an Interim Consultation Statement and to seek agreement to include this as a companion document to the East Herts District Plan Pre-Submission Version, 2016, for consultation purposes.

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

(A)	the Interim Consultation Statement, as detailed at Essential Reference 'B' to the report submitted, be agreed as a companion document to the East Herts District Plan, Pre-Submission Version, 2016, for consultation purposes.
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1.0 Background

1.1 The East Herts District Plan sets out the Council's planning framework for the district. Once adopted, the policies in the District Plan will replace the policies in the Local Plan 2007. It covers the period 2011–2033.

1.2 A Consultation Statement has been prepared, currently in interim form, in order to comply with the requirements of Regulation 19 and Regulation 22 (1) part (c) of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012.

1.3 This report details the contents of the proposed Interim Consultation Statement to accompany the East Herts District

Plan, Pre-Submission Version, and seeks agreement of this document for such a purpose.

2.0 Report

2.1 As detailed above, an Interim Consultation Statement has been prepared in order that the Council may comply with the requirements of Regulation 19 and Regulation 22 (1) part (c) of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 (referred to throughout the Consultation Statement as ‘the Regulations’).

2.2 In detailing what the requirements for the ‘Submission of documents and information to the Secretary of State’ are, Regulation 22 (1) part (c) directs the Council to prepare a statement which sets out:

- i. which bodies and persons were invited to make representations under Regulation 18 of the Local Planning Regulations;
- ii. how those bodies were invited to make representations;
- iii. a summary of the main issues raised in those representations;
- iv. how those main issues have been taken into account;
- v. if there are representations made under Regulation 20, the number made and a summary of the main issues raised in those representations; and
- vi. if there are no representations made under Regulation 20, that no such representations were made.

2.3 It should be noted that, as the Council is about to undertake the Regulation 19 consultation stage, it is currently only possible to produce a Consultation Statement which covers points i. to iv. It is therefore proposed that an Interim document be produced at this time and that a final Consultation Statement be prepared once the Council is in a position to include reference to points v. and vi., which will occur post-Pre-Submission Consultation. A reproduction of Regulations 18 to 22 is produced at Appendix A to the Consultation Statement.

2.4 The draft Interim Consultation Statement is included at **Essential Reference 'B'** to this report and Members are invited to agree the document as a companion document to the East Herts District Plan, Pre-Submission Version, 2016, for consultation purposes.

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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