

EAST HERTS COUNCIL

DISTRICT PLANNING EXECUTIVE PANEL – 9 MARCH 2017

REPORT BY LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

EAST HERTS DISTRICT PLAN – REGULATION 22 CONSULTATION STATEMENT, MARCH 2017

WARD(S) AFFECTED: ALL

Purpose/Summary of Report

The purpose of this report is:

- To present to Members the Regulation 22 Consultation Statement, March 2017, and to seek agreement to include this as a companion document to the East Herts District Plan for Submission to the Planning Inspectorate.

RECOMMENDATION FOR DISTRICT PLANNING EXECUTIVE

PANEL: That Council, via the Executive, be advised that:

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| (A) | the Regulation 22 Consultation Statement, March 2017, as detailed at Essential Reference 'B' to this report, be agreed as a companion document to the East Herts District Plan, for submission to the Planning Inspectorate. |
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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 Regulation 22 Consultation Statement (Consultation Statement) has been prepared 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. Members will recall that an Interim Consultation Statement was presented to the District Planning Executive Panel on 22nd October 2016.

1.3 This report details the contents of the proposed Consultation Statement to accompany the East Herts District Plan for submission purposes, and seeks agreement of this document for for Submission to the Planning Inspectorate.

2.0 Report

2.1 In order that it may comply with 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’), the Council is required to prepare a Consultation Statement.

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 When last reported to Panel, the Council was about to undertake the Regulation 19 consultation, and it was only possible at that time to produce an Interim Consultation Statement which covered points i. to iv. Since the conclusion of the Regulation 19 Pre-Submission consultation, it is now possible for matters in relation to points v. and vi. to be addressed and for the document to be presented in its final form.

- 2.4 For information purposes, and also to aid understanding of the Council's full responsibilities in respect of the Submission procedure, a reproduction of Regulations 18 to 22 is produced at Appendix A to the Consultation Statement.
- 2.5 In respect of point v., the main issues raised through the Pre-Submission consultation are included as Summary of Responses tables listed in chapter order as appendices I1 to I26 to the Consultation Statement.
- 2.6 As detailed in the East Herts District Plan – Proposed Minor Changes, Submission and Examination Report, which can be found at Agenda Item 8, a total 3,880 comments were received from 2,472 respondents. The Summary of Responses tables included in the Consultation Statement serve to consolidate the numerous individual points raised by the various bodies and individuals who responded to the consultation into a focussed and comprehensive statement of issues for each chapter. Cumulatively, these tables will provide the Inspector with a succinct overview of the main issues to be addressed through the forthcoming Examination, which will be held in due course.
- 2.7 It is important to note that the Council is not required to formally respond to these issues at this stage in the process. The tables within the Consultation Statement are therefore considered to fully comply with the requirements of Regulation 22, point v. in respect of issue summaries. However, it should be noted that copies of all of the representations made will be submitted, in full, alongside the District Plan to the Planning Inspectorate.
- 2.8 In relation to addressing point vi., it should be noted that this requirement does not apply in the case of the East Herts District Plan Regulation 22 Consultation Statement, as its intention is to cover an eventuality where no representations are made in respect of a Regulation 19 consultation.
- 2.9 The proposed final 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 for Submission 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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