

ESSENTIAL REFERENCE PAPER 'A'

IMPLICATIONS/CONSULTATIONS

Contribution to the Council's Corporate Priorities/ Objectives:	<p>Priority 1 – Improve the health and wellbeing of our communities</p> <p>Priority 2 – Enhance the quality of people's lives</p> <p>Priority 3 – Enable a flourishing local economy</p>
Consultation:	<p>A wide range of consultation has been undertaken in preparing the District Plan. Public consultation on the Main Modifications is proposed to take place between the 15 February and 29 March 2018.</p>
Legal:	<p>Preparation of a local plan is a statutory duty upon every Local Planning Authority. Local Plans are prepared within the framework set out by the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act, as amended by the Localism Act 2011.</p> <p>Once adopted, the District Plan will become part of the statutory Development Plan. Section 38(6) of the act requires planning decisions to be made in accordance with the Plan unless material considerations indicate otherwise. The District Plan will replace the East Herts Local Plan (2007).</p> <p>The 2004 Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act requires an appraisal of the sustainability of the plan. This incorporates social and economic impacts alongside environmental effects.</p>
Financial:	<p>The cost of the preparing a District Plan is significant and has been budgeted over the duration of its preparation.</p>

Human Resource:	Staff resource is in place to ensure the ongoing timely preparation of the District Plan.
Risk Management:	The efficient and timely progression of the District Plan is of paramount importance and a risk assessment has been carried out to ensure that the preparation of the Plan takes place in accordance with the Council's Local Development Scheme. Without an adopted District Plan the district will be vulnerable to further unplanned development.
Health and wellbeing – issues and impacts:	The District Plan in general will have positive impacts on health and wellbeing through a range of policy approaches that seek to create sustainable communities.