

EAST HERTS COUNCIL

EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL – 11 SEPTEMBER 2018

REPORT BY THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

BRAUGHING PARISH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN, 2017-2033

WARD(S) AFFECTED: BRAUGHING

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### **Purpose/Summary of Report**

- To adopt the Braughing Parish Neighbourhood Plan following the Referendum of 26<sup>th</sup> July 2018.

<b><u>RECOMMENDATIONS FOR COUNCIL:</u> that:</b>	
<b>(A)</b>	<b>the Braughing Parish Neighbourhood Plan, as detailed at Essential Reference Paper 'B' to this report, be formally 'made' and used as part of the Development Plan.</b>

#### 1.0 Background

1.1 Neighbourhood Planning was introduced by the Government under the Localism Act in 2011. Braughing Parish Council submitted a request for Neighbourhood Area Designation of the Braughing Parish in February 2015 which was subsequently agreed in June 2015.

1.2 The Parish Council submitted the draft Neighbourhood Plan to East Herts Council in September 2017. Following this, a six week consultation took place between 5<sup>th</sup> October and 16<sup>th</sup>

November 2017. Then the Neighbourhood Plan was assessed by an Independent Examiner in March and April 2018 and was recommended to proceed, subject to recommended modifications, to Referendum.

- 1.3 The Referendum took place on 26<sup>th</sup> July 2018 with a 38.81% turnout. There was an overall 'yes' vote of 327 against 72 who voted 'no'. As outlined within Paragraph 38A(4)(a) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004, (as amended by the Neighbourhood Planning Act 2017) the Council is able to make the Neighbourhood Plan if more than half of those voting in the referendum have voted in favour of the plan being used to help decide planning applications in the area.

## 2.0 Report

### **The Referendum**

- 2.1 The residents within the Braughing Parish voted on the following question:

*"Do you want East Hertfordshire District Council to use the Neighbourhood Plan for Braughing Parish to help it decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area?"*

- 2.2 With an overall successful 'yes' vote, the Council is now able to formally adopt the Neighbourhood Plan as part of the East Herts Development Plan.

### **Adoption**

- 2.3 If the Neighbourhood Plan for Braughing Parish is adopted, it will become part of the Development Plan for East Herts District Council. Consequently, any planning applications within the Neighbourhood Area will be assessed alongside the

adopted Local Plan, the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) and all other material planning considerations.

2.4 It is considered that the Braughing Parish Neighbourhood Plan for Braughing Parish positively contributes to the East Herts Development Management process providing a strong community vision that seeks to contribute to sustainable development. The final version of the Braughing Parish Neighbourhood Plan can be found at **Essential Reference Paper 'B'**.

### 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

[The Neighbourhood Planning \(General\) Regulations 2012](#)

[The Neighbourhood Planning \(Referendum\) Regulations 2012](#)

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