

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>Consultation was undertaken during the first two weeks of July 2018 and included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A two-week static exhibition (2 July – 13 July) in the Harlow Civic Centre reception and one staffed evening drop-in event in the Water Gardens (9 July)• A two-week static exhibition (2 July – 13 July) at Epping Forest District Council Civic Offices and one staffed evening drop-in event (5 July)• One staffed evening drop in event at Gilston and Eastwick Village Hall (12 July)• Consultation materials and feedback forms were available online for 4 weeks on all three Council's websites <p>The draft Vision and design principles were also shared with the site promoters of the strategic sites in the Garden Town at one-to-one meetings held in June/July 2018.</p> <p>A joint press release was issued and used to advertise the events, through each of the Councils websites, social media and print. All exhibition material was also published on the Councils respective websites and a short questionnaire was produced and made available both in hard-copy and on-line.</p>

Legal:	There are no legal implications arising from this report.
Financial:	There are no financial implications arising for this report. Production of the Vision and Design Guide has been funded by the Garden Town.
Human Resource:	None.
Risk Management:	The Vision and Design Guide will ensure that plans for the Garden Town support sustainable living and a healthy economy; provide a good quality of life for existing and future residents; and respond to local landscape and character. Without the Vision and Design Guide the Garden Town expectations and aspirations for high quality and sustainable developments could be impacted upon.
Health and wellbeing – issues and impacts:	The link between planning and health has long been established. The built and natural environments are major determinants of health and wellbeing. The Vision and Design Guide are seeking to ensure the most sustainable outcomes for the Garden Town, thus improving health and wellbeing opportunities.
Equality Impact Assessment required:	Yes – attached at ERP ‘H’.