

EAST HERTS COUNCIL

COUNCIL – 3 SEPTEMBER 2019

REPORT BY THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL AND THE EXECUTIVE MEMBER FOR PLANNING AND GROWTH

STANDON PARISH NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN, 2017-2033

WARD(S) AFFECTED: STANDON PARISH

**Purpose/Summary of Report**

- To adopt the Standon Parish Neighbourhood Development Plan following the Referendum of 25<sup>th</sup> July 2019.

**RECOMMENDATIONS FOR COUNCIL:**

<b>(A)</b>	<b>the Standon Parish Neighbourhood Development Plan, as detailed at Essential Reference Paper 'B' to this report, be formally 'made' and used as part of the Development Plan.</b>
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1.0 Background

1.1 Neighbourhood Planning was introduced by the Government under the Localism Act in 2011. Standon Parish Council submitted a request for Neighbourhood Area Designation of the Standon Parish in February 2015 which was subsequently agreed on June 8<sup>th</sup> 2015.

1.2 The Parish Council submitted the draft Neighbourhood Plan to East Herts Council in November 2017. Following this, a six week consultation took place between 11<sup>th</sup> January and 22<sup>nd</sup> February

2018. The Neighbourhood Plan was then assessed by an Independent Examiner between August 2018 and May 2019 and was recommended to proceed, subject to recommended modifications, to Referendum.

- 1.3 The Referendum took place on 25<sup>th</sup> July 2019 with a 24% turnout. There was an overall 'yes' vote of 797 against 34 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 Standon Parish voted on the following question:

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

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

### **Adoption**

- 2.3 If the Neighbourhood Plan for Standon 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 current East Herts District Plan 2018 policies, the National Planning

Policy Framework (NPPF) and all other material planning considerations.

2.4 It is considered that the Standon Parish Neighbourhood Development Plan for Standon 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 Standon 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'**.

### Essential Reference Papers

- 'A' Corporate Issues and Consultation
- 'B' Standon Parish Neighbourhood Plan

### Background Papers

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

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

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