

## **East Herts Council – Non-Key Decision Record**

### **Record of executive decision made by an individual under Regulation 13 of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012**

**Reference Number: NKD21/12**

**Taken by: Councillor Jan Goodeve – Executive Member for Planning and Growth**

#### **Decision**

That Hertford Heath Parish Council be advised that:

- A.** In accordance with Regulation 9 of the Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004, the District Council, as the responsible authority, has determined that an environmental assessment of the emerging Hertford Heath Neighbourhood Plan is required as it is likely to have significant environmental effects. In making this determination, the District Council has had regard to Schedule 1 of the Regulations and has carried out consultation with the consultation bodies; and
  
- B.** The emerging Hertford Heath Neighbourhood Plan is unlikely to have a significant effect upon a Natura 2000 designation and therefore does not require an HRA.

#### **Date of Decision**

16 June 2021

#### **Reason(s) for decision**

The purpose of this report is to determine whether or not a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) and/or a Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA) of the emerging Hertford Heath Neighbourhood Plan are required.

### **Details of alternative options considered and rejected**

In order for a Neighbourhood Plan to meet the Basic Conditions it must be compatible with relevant legal obligations. Therefore the Local Planning Authority must determine whether the Plan requires a Strategic Environmental Assessment or Habitats Regulations Assessment.

### **Does the decision or report contain exempt information?**

No

### **State nature of any declaration of conflict of interest made by any Executive Member who is consulted by the Member taking the decision**

None

### **State, in respect of any declared conflict of interest, whether any dispensation has been granted**

None

### **Contact Officer**

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