

## **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: NKD21/14**

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

### **Decision**

Watton-at-Stone Neighbourhood Plan October 2020 Draft Pre-Submission SEA Screening Report

### **Date of Decision**

11 August 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 Watton-at-Stone 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. A Neighbourhood Plan cannot proceed through examination without fulfilling the legal requirements of the SEA and HRA process.

### **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

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