

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: NKD21/17

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

Decision

Bishop's Stortford's Neighbourhood Plan for Silverleys and Meads Wards 1st Revision 2020-2032. Draft Pre-Submission SEA Screening Report

Date of Decision

20 October 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 Bishop's Stortford Neighbourhood Plan Review for Silverleys and Meads 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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