

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: NKD22/14

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

Decision

- Walkern Parish Council is revising the Neighbourhood Plan for the Walkern Neighbourhood Plan area, which was adopted in 2018.
- The purpose of this report is to determine whether a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) and/or a Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA) of the emerging Walkern Neighbourhood Plan Revision is required.
- The report concludes that the Neighbourhood Plan Revision does not require either a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) or a Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA) because the Plan is not likely to have any significant environmental effects.

Date of Decision

6 October 2022

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 Walkern Neighbourhood Plan Review is 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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