

**EAST HERTS COUNCIL
LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK
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APPENDIX

Acronyms

CIL	–	Community Infrastructure Levy
DfT	–	Department for Transport
EEDA	–	East of England Development Agency
ECC	–	Essex County Council
GAF3	–	Growth Area Funding (Government) Round 3 2008-2011
HBRC	–	Hertfordshire Biological Records Centre
HCC	–	Hertfordshire County Council
HIIS	–	Herts Infrastructure and Investment Study
HIPP	–	Herts Infrastructure and Planning Partnership
HRA/AA		Habitat Regulations Assessment/Appropriate Assessment
LCB	–	London Commuter Belt (East)/M11 Sub-Region
LGA	–	Local Government Association
LPA	–	Local Planning Authority
PAS	–	Planning Advisory Service – Part of LGA
PCT	–	Primary Care Trust
POD	–	Programme of Development (Government)
PPS	–	Planning Policy Statement (Government)
SA/SEA and	–	Sustainability Appraisal/Strategic Environmental Assessment and
SHLAA	–	Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment
tbc	–	to be confirmed

Studies Completed 2010/11

Study Title	Study Purpose	Completion Date	Cost/Funding Source	Consultant
East Herts LDF Core Strategy Issues and Options Sustainability Appraisal and Habitats Regulation Assessment	Provide an SA/SEA and HRA of the LDF Core Strategy Issues and Options Consultation Document.	April 2010	Funded from GAF3 – POD, as part of Harlow Appraisal Study costs of £144,500, paid 2009/10. No East Herts Council funding.	Scott Wilson.
Hertfordshire Renewable and Low Carbon Energy Technical Study Stage 2	This Stage 2 Study addresses LDF policy development and the required supporting technical evidence base to support this process.	July 2010	Total cost: £48,350, paid 2009/10. East Herts Council contribution £4630 paid 2009/10. Joint Herts Local Authority Partnership comprising HCC and 9 Herts Districts (excluding Stevenage).	Aecom.

Studies Completed 2010/11

Study Title	Study Purpose	Completion Date	Cost/Funding Source	Consultant
<p>East Herts Playing Pitch Strategy and Outdoor Sports Assessment</p>	<p>The PPG17 Audit and Assessment carried out in 2005 recommended that a Playing Pitch Strategy be undertaken, as part of a wider facilities strategy, to enable surplus and deficiencies in provision to be identified more accurately in accordance with local needs.</p> <p>The Playing Pitch Strategy and Outdoor Sports Audit provides:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a comprehensive assessment of the supply of and demand for outdoor playing pitches in East Herts, through the application of the Sport England Playing Pitch Model; • an analysis of the quantity and quality of outdoor sports facilities in the district; • advise on local standards of provision for planning purposes, for outdoor sports facilities; • consideration of the adequacy of existing provision against these standards; • recommendations on appropriate strategy and policy responses; and • an approach towards developer contributions. <p>This Strategy will cover the period to 2026.</p>	<p>July 2010</p>	<p>20 days free Sport England consultancy advice under its Facilities Improvement Service.</p> <p>Separate Consultants Study:</p> <p>East Herts Council funding total cost £14,725, paid 2009/10.</p> <p>East Herts Council Planning Policy Budget £9,725, Community & Cultural Services £5,000.</p>	<p>Knight, Kavanagh and Page (KKP).</p>

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Study Title	Study Purpose	Completion Date	Cost/Funding Source	Consultant
<p>Strategic Housing Market Assessment (SHMA) Viability Assessment Final Report</p>	<p>Undertake a strategic assessment of the viability of the recommendations of the SHMA Study (January 2010) and the economics of development, to inform affordable housing policies and targets. The study tests a range of development scenarios and circumstances and will set the framework for further detailed testing of specific sites, as part of the Council's housing trajectory, and SHLAA.</p>	<p>September 2010</p>	<p>£29,700. Government – GAF3 - POD funding, paid 2010/11. No East Herts Council funding. Partnership for London Commuter Belt East/M11 Sub-Region, comprising Brentwood, East Herts, Epping Forest, Harlow and Uttlesford.</p>	<p>Levvel.</p>

Studies Completed 2010/11

Study Title	Study Purpose	Completion Date	Cost/Funding Source	Consultant
<p>Harlow Stansted Gateway Transport Model</p>	<p>The project has created a transportation model of the Harlow Stansted gateway area, capable of reproducing existing significant transport movements in the study area. This will then be used as the basis for forecasting the impact of housing and related developments and assist in assessing the transport infrastructure required to support the developments.</p> <p>The study area covers the Harlow Stansted Gateway area, including the south-east quadrant of East Herts, from the A414 in south, A10 in west, A120 in north, plus Bishop's Stortford, Sawbridgeworth, Stansted Mountfitchet, Elsenham and Stansted Airport.</p> <p>This Study covers the period 2008 to 2031.</p>	<p>Autumn 2010</p>	<p>Total cost: £255,950 Stage 1 Transport Model Development. GAF3 – POD, Essex and Herts County Councils, Highways Agency. Paid 2008/9 and 2009/10.</p> <p>No East Herts Council funding.</p>	<p>Faber Maunsell</p>
<p>Hertford and Ware Urban Transport Plan</p>	<p>This study identifies the transportation needs of Hertford and Ware, potential schemes and allows prioritisation and delivery through the Herts Local Transport Plan (LTP) and other funding mechanisms, such as Section 106 contributions.</p> <p>This Study covers the period to 2021 (with review after first five years).</p>	<p>November 2010</p>	<p>£120,000 total cost, paid 2010/11. HCC - £100,000. £20,000 Section 106 financial contributions, collected via development proposals in the Mead Lane Area, Hertford, for Mead Lane area modelling.</p> <p>No East Herts Council funding.</p>	

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District Green Infrastructure Plans and 'Strategic Highlights' Green Infrastructure Plan in Hertfordshire and parts of Essex	<p>This study will provide seven compatible Green Infrastructure Plans (GIPs) at a district level scale, for the participating Herts Districts, and an overarching Strategic Highlights Green Infrastructure Plan (SHiP) for Hertfordshire and the Green Arc Area.</p> <p>District level GIPs will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • support policies and proposals in LDF's • identify and cost robust proposals for new Green Infrastructure • facilitate the option of district scale GI levies (or similar). <p>The SHiP will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • highlight existing strategic GI • identify where strategic bodies (such as County Councils) should be making investments • facilitate strategic GI levies where these are appropriate to complement district levies supported by the GIPs. 	March 2011	<p>Total cost: £72,149, paid 2010/11.</p> <p>Partnership of HCC, East Herts, Dacorum, Hertsmere, Three Rivers, St. Albans, Watford, Welwyn Hatfield, Natural England, Forestry Commission, Environment Agency, Green Arc Partnership (north and east London and southern parts of Herts and Essex).</p> <p>East Herts Council contribution £10,000 paid 2010/11.</p>	Land Use Consultants (LUC)

Studies Completed So Far 2011/12

Study Title	Study Purpose	Completion Date	Cost/Funding Source	Consultant
<p>Hertfordshire Strategic Employment Site Study</p>	<p>This study focuses on identifying appropriate strategic sites for potential future employment land.</p> <p>The study includes useful economic information and assessment, together with potential economic growth scenarios for the future.</p> <p>See separate report to this LDF Panel meeting.</p>	<p>April 2011</p>	<p>Total cost: £67,110, paid 2010/11.</p> <p>East Herts Council contribution: £2,000, paid 2010/11.</p> <p>Joint partnership of HCC, EEDA and 10 Herts Districts.</p>	<p>Regeneris Consulting</p>

Studies On-going/Started 2011/12/Proposed for 2011/12

Study Title	Study Purpose	Completion Date	Cost/Funding Source	Consultant
Economic and Retail Development Strategic Assessment Advice	This study will give an update/overview strategic assessment of economic and retail issues, to inform LDF Core Strategy Preferred Options Document and emerging review of East Herts Economic Development Strategy.	January 2012	Total cost: £5,000. East Herts Council contribution: £5,000	tbc
Population Forecasts for Greater Essex, East Herts and Welwyn Hatfield	<p>Provision of population forecasts to support preparation of LDF's and contribute to other spatial planning activities, i.e. total population, economically active population, households and dwellings, together with demographic interpretation of forecast outcomes and advice on other related demographic matters.</p> <p>1st phase of study – December 2011 – for use in East Herts Core Strategy Preferred Options Document.</p> <p>Final phase of study – June 2012 – for use in finalising East Herts Core Strategy for submission. Final phase will accommodate 2011 mid year estimates and anticipated availability of 2011 Census data.</p>	<p>1st phase: December 2011</p> <p>Final phase: June 2012</p>	<p>Total cost: £65,053</p> <p>East Herts Council contribution £2,870: 2011/12 <u>£ 957: 2012/13</u> £3,824: total</p> <p>Joint funding partnership comprising all 12 Essex Districts, 2 Essex Unitaries, Essex County Council and 2 Herts Districts of East Herts and Welwyn Hatfield.</p>	Edge Analytics Ltd of Leeds, using 'POP CROUP' suite of population forecasting models, which it manages on behalf of the owners, the LGA.

Studies On-going/Started 2011/12/Proposed for 2011/12

Study Title	Study Purpose	Completion Date	Cost/Funding Source	Consultant
LDF Preferred Options Transport Modelling	This transport modelling will inform the emerging options in the LDF Core Strategy Preferred Options Document, undertaken by HCC and ECC as transport and highway authorities.	January 2012	Total cost: tbc estimated at £30,000. East Herts Council contribution: tbc estimated at £30,000.	HCC/ECC
Sustainability Appraisal (SA)/ Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) 'Critical Friend' Support	SA/SEA of emerging LDF Core Strategy Preferred Options Document.	January 2012	Total cost: £5,000. East Herts Council contribution: £5,000. (NB: Possible PAS financial contribution being negotiated – East Herts Council contribution could be reduced from £5,000 to £2,000).	In-house and PAS advisory consultants: Scott Wilson
Habitats Regulation Assessment (HRA) 'Critical Friend' Support	HRA/AA of emerging LDF Core Strategy Preferred Options Document, in relation to European designated nature conservation areas.	February 2012	Total cost: £5,000. East Herts Council contribution: £5,000.	PAS advisory consultants: Scott Wilson

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Herts Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Viability Assessment	This study will provide a CIL Viability Assessment to support emerging infrastructure planning work being undertaken in Hertfordshire. This will underpin individual District LDF Core Strategies, as well as draft CIL Charging Schedules that are expected to emerge over the course of the next 12 months as a precursor to the introduction of CIL.	February 2012	Total Cost: £34,860 for study, plus £3,600 for Joint Project Manager. East Herts Council contribution: £3,873 for study, plus £400 for Project Manager. Joint Herts Local Authority Partnership of 9 Herts Districts (excluding North Herts).	Lambert Smith Hampton and Project Manager: RS Regeneration
Bishop's Stortford and Sawbridgeworth Urban Transport Plan	This study will be a daughter document to the Herts LTP, and will provide a list of transport issues for Bishop's Stortford and Sawbridgeworth, and where possible the potential solutions and improvements proposed to address them, allowing prioritisation and delivery through the Herts LTP, and other funding mechanisms, such as Section 106 contributions. The UTP will cover the next 20 years to 2031 (with review after first five years).	Summer/Autumn 2012	Total cost: £50,000. Funded by HCC. No East Herts Council funding.	Steer Davies Gleave
Combined Viability Assessment of LDF Core Strategy Preferred Options	This study will provide a combined cumulative viability impact assessment for the LDF Core Strategy Preferred Options Document, in line with emerging Government requirements. The cumulative impact of proposed policies and local standards (i.e. affordable housing, CIL and Section 106 contributions, green policies, parking and design requirements) should not put implementation of the LDF at serious risk, and should facilitate development throughout the plan period and economic cycle.	Spring 2012	Total cost: tbc estimated at £15,000. East Herts Council contribution: £15,000.	tbc

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SUMMARY FINANCIAL TABLE

Funding Source	2010/11 Spend	2011/12 Anticipated /proposed spend (as at November 2011)
East Herts Council	£12,000	£67,143
<p>External Funding, contributing to East Herts LDF Evidence Base, excluding any East Herts Council contribution.</p> <p>(N.B: Not readily able to identify spending split for external funding between the two financial years).</p>	£218,513	