

CABINET

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PART 1 – PUBLIC DOCUMENT

TITLE OF REPORT: STRATEGIC PLANNING MATTERS

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COUNCIL PRIORITY: PEOPLE FIRST / SUSTAINABILITY / A BRIGHTER FUTURE TOGETHER

1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1.1 This report identifies the latest position on key planning and transport issues affecting the District.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1. That the report on strategic planning matters be noted.

2.2. That the officer responses and Project Board procedures attached as Appendices A to G are noted and endorsed by Cabinet.

2.3. That Cabinet approve the use of £85k of reserve funding to respond to the London Luton Airport planning application being considered by the Planning Inspectorate.

3. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

3.1. To keep Cabinet informed of recent developments on strategic planning matters.

4. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

4.1. None

5. CONSULTATION WITH RELEVANT MEMBERS AND EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS

5.1. The Executive Member and Deputy have been briefed on the relevant matters in this report. The Strategic Sites and Masterplanning Project Board met approximately monthly during 2022/23 to guide and monitor progress on major development sites proposed in the District. More information is contained in the report.

6. FORWARD PLAN

- 6.1 This report does not contain a recommendation on a key Executive decision and has therefore not been referred to in the Forward Plan.

7. BACKGROUND

- 7.1. Members will be aware of, and familiar with, many of the issues surrounding the strategic planning matters referred to in paragraph 1.1 above. This report is intended to provide Members with the current positions on these matters. As with previous reports, only those matters where there has been substantive new information or change are reported upon.

8. RELEVANT CONSIDERATIONS

Other Plans and Examinations

- 8.1. North Hertfordshire has eight neighbouring local authorities in Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire, Essex, and Hertfordshire. Officers monitor progress on the local plans for these and other relevant areas and, in consultation with the Executive Member and Deputy, make representations at key stages.
- Stevenage - Local Plan Review commenced Autumn 2022
 - Station Gateway Area Action Plan, submission Spring 2023
 - East Herts - Local Plan Review being considered but nothing formally actioned
 - WelHat - Consultation on Main Mods Jan – Feb 2023
 - St Albans - Local Plan Reg 18 Consultation planned for July 2023
 - Proposed adoption December 2025
 - Luton - In the very early stages of Local Plan Review
 - Central Beds - Intention to review Local Plan in early 2022, no further details available
 - South Cambs - Greater Cambridgeshire draft joint Local Plan expected 2023
 - Uttlesford - Consultation on draft Local Plan expected summer 2023
- 8.2. A number of authorities' plans are in early draft stages of consultation or review so there is only limited formal activity at present.
- 8.3. In addition to the immediately adjoining authorities, an officer response was submitted to Bedford Borough Council in 2022 requesting that their new Local Plan to 2040 allows for consideration of any further unmet needs from Luton that may arise from their upcoming Plan review identified above. Bedford voted to submit their Plan for examination in January

2023. It appears that Bedford Borough Council have not acknowledged their role in the wider functional housing area and do not take account of additional housing need arising from Luton.

North Hertfordshire Local Plan

- 8.4. The new Local Plan was adopted by Full Council on 8 November 2022. Work has already begun to assess the breadth of any Review that we should undertake in line with the commitments to undertake an early review of the Plan before the end of 2023.

Implementation – Supplementary Planning Documents

- 8.5. Following adoption of the Local Plan, focus has turned to its implementation. This includes preparing an appropriate set of supporting Supplementary Planning Documents (SPDs) that were approved by Cabinet in March 2021.
- 8.6. The following targets for presenting versions of these documents to Cabinet have been agreed in consultation with the Executive Member and Deputy:

<i>Document</i>	<i>Consultation</i>	<i>Adoption</i>
Sustainability SPD	<i>September 2023</i>	<i>January 2024</i>
Biodiversity SPD	<i>November 2023</i>	<i>March 2024</i>
Design Code SPD	<i>January 2024</i>	<i>June 2024</i>

- 8.7. The Sustainability SPD was discussed at Cabinet Panel on the Environment on 22 February 2023 and the direction of travel for the document was considered and feedback from the Panel was incorporated into the document presentation to Cabinet on 14 March 2023.

Implementation - Strategic Sites & Masterplanning

- 8.8. The Strategic Planning Project Board continues to meet regularly. The current status of work on the six, largest Strategic Sites in the Local Plan is summarised below:
 - Policy SP14: North of Baldock - Pre-application masterplan being prepared under a Planning Performance Agreement (PPA)¹ with initial public consultation carried out by Urban & Civic in March 2023;

¹ This work also includes the sites allocated in the Local Plan around Baldock to the south of the railway line known as BA2, BA3 and BA10.

- SP15: North of Letchworth – Pre-application masterplan being prepared under PPA. Baseline evidence stage largely complete and moving towards option development;
 - SP16: North of Stevenage - Pre-application masterplan being prepared under PPA. The proposed draft masterplan was presented to the Project Board in May 2023 with public consultation expected to take place in June / July;
 - SP17: Highover Farm, Hitchin – Masterplan prepared within the current planning application for the site and anticipated to be presented to Planning Control Committee in Summer 2023;
 - SP18: North-east of Great Ashby – Pre-application masterplan being prepared under PPA. Currently at baseline evidence stage;
 - SP19: East of Luton – Allocation-wide masterplan being prepared under PPA
- 8.9. Other masterplans for significant sites are being progressed through a variety of PPAs, pre-application discussions and current planning applications lodged with the Council ([Masterplans in current applications | North Herts Council \(north-herts.gov.uk\)](https://www.north-herts.gov.uk/masterplans)).

Implementation – Governance and oversight

- 8.10. The Strategic Planning Project Board provides Senior Manager and Councillor oversight of the activities above. Following the expansion of the Board's remit (reported to Cabinet in January) and adoption of the Local Plan, its Terms of Reference and all associated guidance have been reviewed and updated to refer to / reflect:
- The adopted Local Plan including the final, approved wording of Policy SP9;
 - The renaming of the Strategic Planning Project Board and it's revised remit and structure; and
 - 'Lessons learnt' from the practical application of Policy SP9 and associated procedures to date
- 8.11. These were reported to the Project Board and endorsed in March 2023. Certain elements were then reported as requiring further update in May 2023 to reflect changes to the Council Constitution and the outcomes of the elections.
- 8.12. The relevant documents are appended to this report, and it is requested these are endorsed by Cabinet, consistent with the approach taken to earlier iterations:
- Project Board Terms of Reference (Appendix A)
 - North Hertfordshire Masterplanning Principles (Appendix B)
 - Policy SP9 Approval Process (Appendix C)
 - Design Review Protocol (Appendix D)

- Member Involvement Protocol (Appendix E)

Neighbourhood Plans

- 8.13. Ickleford Parish Council submitted (Regulation 16) their Neighbourhood Plan to the Council in March. Public consultation started on 11 May and continues until 27 June. The consultation documents are available to view on the [website](#), statutory consultees and key stakeholders have been informed and the Parish Council have also publicised the consultation in the Parish. After the consultation period has been completed, the Council will work with the Parish Council to appoint an examiner. A response to the neighbourhood plan will be prepared and submitted as part of the consultation.
- 8.14. Consultation on a draft ('Regulation 14') neighbourhood plan for Wallington is currently taking place. The consultation period closed in February. Our response is appended in Appendix F.

Conservation Areas

- 8.15. The Council commissioned consultants to prepare conservation area appraisal and management plans (CAAMPs) for Ashwell and Pirton and to investigate whether a new conservation area should be designated at Chesfield. The final CAAMPs and proposed boundary changes for Ashwell and Pirton are the subject of separate reports.
- 8.16. As agreed by Cabinet in September 2022, public consultation has taken place on the draft CAAMP and the proposed conservation area at Chesfield. We received a number of responses to the consultation, mainly from local residents. All of the representations are available to view of the [website](#). However, no responses were received from the key stakeholders, Historic England, Stevenage Borough Council, Graveley Parish Council, or the Hertfordshire Gardens Trust. Our consultants are undertaking further discussion with the key stakeholders and the outcome will be reported back to Cabinet.

Hertfordshire Growth Board (HGB) and North-East-Central (NEC) Hertfordshire

- 8.17. The 'NEC' area covers the geographical areas of North Hertfordshire, Stevenage, East Hertfordshire, Welwyn Hatfield, and Broxbourne. The Local Planning Authorities, along with the County Council, are working together to explore potential long-term planning solutions.
- 8.18. Prior + Partners have been appointed to develop a Vision for the NEC area and we are working with them to engage with relevant stakeholders as to the direction of the Vision. Engagement includes work with Members and officers as well as identifying relevant community groups.
- 8.19. Aecom have produced a Stage 1 Baseline Data Assessment Report for the Growth Study.
- 8.20. Work is ongoing and further updates will be available in due course.

Government announcements

- 8.21. Consultation on proposed short-term revisions to national planning policy (the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF)) alongside longer-term reform proposals being brought forward through the Levelling Up and Regeneration Bill [closed in March 2023](#). A response was submitted with the approval of the Executive Member and is attached at Appendix G.
- 8.22. The consultation stated the Government's intention to publish an updated NPPF in Spring 2023. At the time of writing this has yet to be issued.
- 8.23. The Hertfordshire Infrastructure and Planning Panel (HIPP), membership includes all Executive Members for Planning, submitted a response to a [consultation on proposed increases to planning fees](#) in April on behalf of the County Council and a number of District authorities including ourselves. The headline proposal was to increase planning fees by 35% for major applications and 25% for all other applications with this income ringfenced for planning purposes.
- 8.24. A number of further consultations have been undertaken. These include further detail on the Government's proposal for a [mandatory Infrastructure Levy](#). At this stage, a key observation is the proposed timing for introduction with pilot authorities being sought to begin testing from 2025 but national roll-out potentially not occurring until 2030, well beyond the next General Election.

Other planning matters and documents

- 8.25. **Article 4 Directions – Town Centres** – The Council confirmed the immediate Article 4 Directions relating to the change of use of E Class to C3 (residential) in the District's Town Centres on 13 February 2023.
- 8.26. Following the confirmation, we were contacted by DLUHC requesting additional evidence regarding our decision for the geographical extent and intent of the Directions. This evidence has since been submitted to DLUHC and is under consideration. We have asked the Secretary of State to make some modifications to the Directions, namely, to remove all units currently in C3 (residential use) from the Directions. We await a response from them and will update in due course.

Other transport, planning and infrastructure matters

- 8.27. **Luton Airport S73 19mppa Application** – As previously reported, the Council commissioned consultants to prepare a response on behalf of the Council to the London Luton Airport S73 proposed planning conditions amendment to allow for an increase from 18 to 19 million passengers per annum. The application was called in by the Secretary of State (SoS) following a Public Inquiry that finished in November 2022. There has been no announcement on the outcome of the public inquiry at the time of writing this report. Any updates will be verbally reported at the meeting.
- 8.27. **Proposed expansion for London Luton Airport** – London Luton Airport Ltd, rebranded as Luton Rising (LR), submitted their application for a Development Consent Order (DCO) involving the expansion of Luton Airport from 18mppa to 32mppa (including a new terminal

and associated infrastructure) on 27 February 2023. The application was accepted by the Planning Inspectorate (PINS) on 27 March 2023 (the project is defined as a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project given the proposed passenger numbers). Details can be seen on the PINS website at:

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/eastern/london-luton-airport-expansion/>

- 8.28. The next step includes the pre-examination stage whereby those who wish to participate in the examination can register with PINS by making a 'relevant representation'. This phase commenced on 9 May following the publication of a statutory public notice by LR and will run until 23 June 2023 (the statutory requirement is at least 28 days).
- 8.29. The submission of a 'relevant representation' enables a local authority's views to be considered by PINS when it carries out its initial assessment of principal issues in advance of the preparation of the examination timetable. The relevant representation is a statement of case and should include an outline of what a local authority agrees and/or disagrees with in the application, what they consider the main issues to be, and their impact.
- 8.30. Fuller details on matters raised are then provided through the submission of a Statement of Common Ground, a Local Impact Report and written representations to questions/issues raised by the Inspector as part of the examination process. Full details of the examination process and timescales for the submission of further papers required by PINs will be released following completion of the pre-examination phase. Any updates will be verbally reported at the Cabinet meeting.
- 8.31. Given the high profile of the application and the Council's concerns regarding key issues such as surface access, air quality, noise and climate change impacts, North Herts along with the other host authorities (Herts County Council, Luton, and Central Beds) signed a Planning Performance Agreement (PPA) with LR at the start of the process. The PPA has provided funding for the host authorities to engage consultants to review previous statutory consultation documents and submit comments on their behalf. The host authorities have renegotiated the PPA with LR to secure additional funding to engage consultants and legal advice/support for the examination process on joint matters. This does not preclude each local authority from submitting their own individual representations.
- 8.32. Given the limited staff resources and the demanding timetable that will be set by PINs through the examination process, North Herts, HCC and Dacorum BC have agreed to work together to appoint consultants to represent the Hertfordshire authorities on Hertfordshire specific issues through the examination process on matters that are not jointly agreed by the host authorities.
- 8.33. In January 2018 Cabinet noted that following a 20% government increase in planning fees, income was exceeding the then current budget by £137k and proposed that this be put into a reserve to provide the funding (e.g. additional officer resource, consultants) to be able to respond to and influence the plans, policies, strategies, and proposals that impacted upon the District. It is recommended that Cabinet approve the remaining £85k of this reserve is earmarked as North Herts contribution to the Hertfordshire specific work described above. HCC will be contributing a greater amount, Dacorum are unable to confirm any contribution at this time

- 8.34. **LCWIP (Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan)** – The timetable has slipped by one meeting cycle owing to a key officer being on extended sick leave, and a recognised need to conduct further engagement and site audits in light of feedback received during the consultation.
- 8.35. HCC and NHDC officers have held a workshop with Knebworth residents, received a guided tour by Letchworth Cyclists, and audited on-site additional routes in Hitchin, Letchworth, Baldock, Royston and Ashwell.
- 8.36. HCC officers are now finalising the consultation report and revised LCWIP to present to NHDC Cabinet in June 2023.
- 8.37. The report and plan will then be taken through HCC's approval process, which is expected to end with the formal adoption of the North Herts LCWIP in September 2023.
- 8.38. **Sustainable Travel Towns (STT)** – As previously reported, the Officer Working Groups (OWGs) for the Letchworth and Royston STTs are meeting monthly to identify and progress key projects for inclusion in the implementation plans for each town. Meetings of the Joint Member Steering Groups for each town are being arranged to monitor progress and agree key stages in the development of the plans. Although a small amount of funding has been identified for delivery of these plans, substantially more funding will be required for the infrastructure elements of the plan including identifying suitable resources.
- 8.39. **HCC Place & Movement Planning and Design Guide** – HCC are consulting until 11 June on a new design guide to supersede *Roads in Hertfordshire – Highway Design Guide*, which was adopted in 2011. NHDC officers are working with the Hertfordshire Design Officer Network to arrange a presentation and workshop with planning departments to ensure that the final version of the guide is consistent with planning authorities' adopted and emerging Sustainable Design Supplementary Planning Documents (SPDs). NHDC officers are preparing a response.
- 8.40. **HCC Active Travel Strategy** – The HCC Highways & Transport Cabinet have approved a draft Active Travel Strategy for public consultation. This will supersede the current strategy, adopted in 2013. NHDC officers will prepare a response.
- 8.41. **Active Travel Fund Tranche 4** – HCC was awarded a further £4.6m by Active Travel England to deliver new walking and cycling schemes. In North Herts, some of this funding has been allocated to a recently completed scheme: a new crossing facility on Norton Road in Letchworth, close to the junction with Croft Lane. This was called for by local members and residents to improve safety for children walking to and from Norton St Nicholas primary school.

- 8.42. **Bus Service Improvement Plan (BSIP)** – The government awarded £29.7m to HCC over two years to deliver its BSIP. £13.2m is for capital schemes. £16.5m is revenue funding.
- 8.43. For North Hertfordshire residents, the main benefit will be reduced fares:
- All multi-operator tickets (Intalink Explorer and BUSnet) will be reduced by 15%, making them comparable to single-operator day and season tickets. Expected launch: May 2023.
 - The SaverCard Plus for 20–25-year-olds will be extended.
 - A SaverCard will be introduced for 60–66-year-old Hertfordshire residents, giving a 50% discount on most bus fares. Expected launch: July 2023.
 - A SaverCard will be introduced for 26–59-year-old Hertfordshire residents, giving them a 15% discount on most bus fares. Expected launch: July 2023.
- 8.44. Capital funding will be used to deliver bus priority schemes, including potentially in Hitchin (proposals are still being developed); to roll out Real Time Passenger Information displays at more bus stops; and to install new electronic information points in Hitchin (St Mary’s Square), Letchworth (Broadway) and Baldock (Market Place).
- 8.45. Some BSIP funding will be used to market bus services and initiatives to widen awareness and increase patronage.
- 8.46. The HertsLynx demand-responsive service now operates 8pm to 11:30pm on Fridays and Saturdays. (Daytime operating hours are 7am to 7pm Monday to Saturday, and 10am to 4pm on Sundays.)
- 8.47. The Department for Transport has extended until October 2023 the subsidy to cap most single bus fares at £2 and will continue to subsidise a cap at £2.50 until October 2024. These caps apply to most scheduled services and HertsLynx. Note that Richmond Coaches, A2B and C G Myall, which between them operate all of the services in Royston, are *not* participating in this scheme.
- 8.48. **County-wide Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Strategy** – A final version of the strategy is expected to be presented to the Highways & Transport Cabinet Panel in September, and formally adopted shortly thereafter.
- 8.49. NHDC responded in December 2022 to the draft strategy published with the agenda for the HCC Highways & Transport Cabinet Panel meeting on 1 November 2022.
- 8.50. In the meantime, the government has provisionally awarded HCC £6.6m from the Local Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (LEVI) fund to roll out more chargepoints for use by residents. Although the market is delivering rapid chargers at destination locations, there is still a market failure in delivering fast chargers for use by residents who do not have off-street parking, and who need access to “fast” chargers to use overnight or for extended periods during the day.

- 8.51. NHDC has written a letter of support to the Department for Transport to help HCC secure its funding allocation, and to set out NHDC's plans. As required by NHDC's Climate Change Strategy, NHDC officers will be preparing an Action Plan that sets out the next steps beyond the current project to install and replace chargepoints in eight NHDC car parks (see next section).
- 8.52. **EV chargepoints in North Herts car parks** – Officers undertook a Further Competition tender in December 2022 using the KCS Procurement Services framework. The Tender closed in January, and officers are in the process of completing the contract documents and preparing the necessary car park lease agreements with the appointed supplier. An application has been submitted to the Office for Zero Emission Vehicles (OZEV) to seek 60% capital funding towards the installation of the EV chargepoints in the Council car parks. The appointed supplier will make up the difference.
- 8.53. The appointed supplier will assume full responsibility for the management and maintenance of the chargepoints and all associated infrastructure. It will retain all revenues, less a small share to the Council.
- 8.54. Officers are yet to hear if NHDC has been awarded the funding from OZEV. Any update will be reported verbally at the meeting. Once confirmation has been received, the chargepoints will need to be installed within this financial year to meet the grant requirements. As part of the commission, new and replacement chargepoints are to be installed in the following car parks:
- Letchworth (Hillshott CP and the Garden Square MSCP)
 - Hitchin (Bancroft Recreation CP, Woodside CP and the Lairage MSCP)
 - Baldock (Twitchell CP)
 - Royston (The Warren CP and Town Hall/Civic Centre CP)
- 8.55. **Greater Cambridge Sustainable Travel Zone** – The proposal is for a large expansion in bus services in the Cambridge travel-to-work zone, funded by a 'Sustainable Travel Zone' charge on most vehicles being driven in Cambridge. The Greater Cambridge Partnership has published a report and responses to its 'Making Connections' consultation on the proposal (to which NHDC provided a detailed response in December 2022).
- 8.56. The Joint Assembly considered and debated the reports on 8 June, and made recommendations to the Executive Board for various adjustments to the proposal. The Board will meet on 29 June to decide what parameters to set for any further work on it.
- 8.57. **A505 Royston–Granta Park Study** – Cambridgeshire County Council has un-paused work on the A505 Royston-to-Granta Park Study. The consultants working on this, Stantec, are in the process of updating data and evidence since 2020, and will shortly be seeking input from district and county members in North Herts.

9. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 9.1. Under the Terms of Reference for Cabinet, the Constitution states that it may exercise the Council's functions as Local Planning Authority and receive reports on strategic planning matters, applications for, approval/designation, consultation/referendums revocations (or recommend revocation) of neighbourhood plans and orders, (except to the extent that those functions are by law the responsibility of the Council or delegated to the Service Director: Regulatory).
- 9.2. The preparation of statutory plans and supporting documents is guided by a range of acts and associated regulations including the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended) and the Localism Act 2011.
- 9.3. Under the Council's Constitution (14.6.10 (b) vii B) all functions relating to National Infrastructure Planning including co-ordination of the Council's response to any consultation, examination or other any other matter concerned with major infrastructure projects, is delegated to the Service Director Regulatory.

10. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 10.1. The general costs of preparing supplementary planning documents, responding to consultations on neighbouring authorities' Plans, neighbourhood plans and Government consultations and the other activities identified in this report are met through existing revenue budgets or benefit from external funding or other arrangements to recover costs.
- 10.2. The report refers to Planning Performance Agreements for Masterplans. Although these represent a relatively new process and income stream, they do not necessarily represent additional monies to the Council at this stage. Prior to the introduction of masterplanning requirements, the negotiation of significant planning applications would have taken place under the Council's charged pre-application advice service and / or through the planning application. This will continue to be the case in some instances. Planning application fees are set nationally. The Council sets local income targets for pre-application advice and planning applications to inform budgeting and budget monitoring.
- 10.3. Income from PPAs will, in the short term at least, reflect a displacement of potential income from the above. Officers are monitoring anticipated and actual PPA income and the relationship between PPA, pre-application and planning application income. This is reflected as required in budget monitoring and / or reporting on targets during 2023/24. PPA income may be used to offset any shortfalls in the other income streams.
- 10.4. The £85k contribution towards the Luton Airport examination will be funded from surplus income from the 20% planning fee increase that was transferred to a planning earmarked reserve in order to fund costs relating to responding to planning applications that could impact on the district.

11. RISK IMPLICATIONS

- 11.1. The Council changed how it sets and monitors risks during 2022. This has seen a shift to strategic risks based on key projects such as the Local Plan and masterplanning. At the time, it was concluded that it was best to revisit these risks following adoption of the Local Plan and expiration of the challenge period for any Judicial Review.

11.2. The relevant risks associated with the Local Plan will now be reviewed and updated with the Performance & Risk team. This will reflect the new approach to setting and monitoring Corporate Risks.

12. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

12.1. In line with the Public Sector Equality Duty, public bodies must, in the exercise of their functions, give due regard to the need to eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation, to advance equality of opportunity and foster good relations between those who share a protected characteristic and those who do not.

12.2. There are not considered to be any direct equality issues arising from this report. Future individual schemes or considerations may well be subject to appropriate review to ensure they comply with latest equality legislative need. Any risks and opportunities identified will also be subject to assessment for impact on those that share a protected characteristic.

13. SOCIAL VALUE IMPLICATIONS

13.1. The Social Value Act and “go local” requirements do not apply to this report.

14. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

14.1. A number of the schemes noted at section 8 will have considerable impact on the environment as they come to fruition. Many of these will be subject to their own statutory requirements for environmental assessment such as Sustainability Appraisal or Environmental Impact Assessment. The need for further assessment, for example where there is no statutory requirement, is considered on a case-by-case basis.

15. HUMAN RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

15.1. The approved budget for 2022/23 included funding for a number of additional posts across the wider planning service. In recent months there has also been a turnover of staff, particularly in more senior professional positions. A number of vacancies were advertised and successfully filled during 2022. Recruitment exercises are currently ongoing for the remaining posts.

16. APPENDICES (to be added at final reports)

16.1. Appendix A – [Project Board Terms of Reference](#)

16.2. Appendix B – [North Hertfordshire Masterplanning Principles](#)

16.3. Appendix C – [Policy SP9 Approval Process](#)

16.4. Appendix D - [Design Review Protocol](#)

16.5. Appendix E - [Member Involvement Protocol](#)

16.6. Appendix F – [Wallington Neighbourhood Plan Regulation 14 response](#)

16.7. Appendix G – [Levelling-up and Regeneration Bill: Reforms to National Planning Policy response](#)

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18. BACKGROUND PAPERS

18.1 None