

<b>Item No</b>	<b>Referred from:</b>	<b>Cabinet</b>
<b>8F</b>	<b>Date:</b>	<b>9 July 2024</b>
	<b>Title of item:</b>	<b>North Stevenage Strategic Masterplan Framework</b>
<b>To be considered alongside agenda item:</b>		<b>Agenda Item 16</b>

The report considered by Cabinet at the meeting held on 9 July 2024 can be viewed here: [Agenda for Cabinet on Tuesday, 9th July, 2024, 7.30 pm | North Herts Council \(north-herts.gov.uk\)](https://www.north-herts.gov.uk)

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**REASON FOR DECISION:** To facilitate the delivery of a strategic site within the Council's adopted Local Plan. To accord with policy requirements of the Local Plan

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The Leader of the Council presented the report entitled 'North Stevenage Strategic Masterplan Framework' and advised:

- Cabinet were being asked to positively recommend approval of this Strategic Masterplan Framework to Full Council.
- This site was allocated in the Local Plan for development as a strategic site for approximately 900 homes.
- Policies of the Local Plan required the preparation of a Masterplan.
- This Masterplan had been produced following approved guidance and the draft Masterplan had been subject to public consultation.

The following Members asked questions:

- Councillor Ian Albert
- Councillor Daniel Allen

In response to questions, the Strategic Planning Manager, advised that:

- A statement of community involvement had been published on the website.
- Key issues raised were around traffic impacts arising from the site, some objections to the general principles of the site and any impact on ecology.
- Highways at Hertfordshire County Council had participated as part of the Council project team and their specialists were content with the movement framework set out in the Masterplan.

The following Members took part in a debate:

- Councillor Daniel Allen
- Councillor Dave Winstanley

Points raised in a debate included:

- In line with the Housing Strategy, the Council must ensure the Local Plan was effective by building any housing developments that had already been approved as allocated sites.
- To be mindful that any future housing developments were constructed to a high level of sustainability to ensure futureproofing of these sites.

Councillor Mick Debenham proposed and Councillor Val Bryant seconded and, following a vote, it was:

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