

DECISION RECORD ¹

Officer Key Decisions are subject to the Council's Call-In Procedure (Annex 9 of the Council's Constitution) **Council's Constitution**

Subject: Adoption of a revised Statement of Community Involvement following consultation.

(Please use the same title as provided in the Forward Plan)

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Executive Member: Derrick Ashley

Portfolio: Growth, Infrastructure, Planning and the Economy

1. **Decision** ²

To adopt the revised Statement of Community Involvement

2. **Reasons for the decision** ³

The Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 introduced the requirement for all planning authorities to produce a Statement of Community Involvement. This statement sets out the council's intentions with regard to continuous stakeholder engagement in the plan making process. Hertfordshire County Council has revised its Statement of Community Involvement following consultation on a number of updates.

Prior to consultation, the SCI was presented to the Growth, Infrastructure, Planning and the Environment Cabinet Panel who noted the content of the document and the intention to adopt via the key decision record following a period of consultation.

3. **Alternative options considered and rejected** ⁴

N/A

4. **Consultation**

(a) **Comments of Executive Member** ^{5 6}

Content with the consultation and the changes made as a result.

(b) **Comments of other consultees** ⁷

A public consultation was carried out from 21 September 2018 to 22 October 2018 and responses received from the following:

- Transport for London – Note and welcome being listed as a Duty to Cooperate body
- Essex County Council – suggested added wording around the Nationally Significant Infrastructure Planning process and the need to reference the Development Consent Order process
- Community Development Agency (Herts) – sent updates to contact details for hard to reach groups

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- Environment Agency – No comment
- Nazeing PC – No comment
- HCC Landscape – No comment
- Braughing PC – Happy with the content of the SCI
- Historic England – Support the general aims of the SCI
- Wheathampstead PC – Welcomes the strategy
- Aldenham PC – noted the SCI and had no comment
- HCC Growth & Infrastructure Unit – No comment
- Natural England – Supportive of the principle of early engagement.

5. **Following consultation with, and the concurrence of the Executive Member, I am proceeding with the proposed decision.**

Signed:

Title: DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE Date: 21st January 2019.

6. Copies of agreed document to:

- All consultees
- All members of the County Council (Democratic Services to send)
- Hard & electronic copy (for public inspection both at County Hall and on hertfordshire.gov.uk) to the Democratic Services Manager - Room 213 County Hall; democratic.services@hertfordshire.gov.uk

¹ Please refer to the Call-in and Contract Award Process for officers to determine if notice on this decision record for successful and unsuccessful bidders is exempt information and is therefore subject to inclusion in Annex 'A'

² If this decision relates to the award of contract, please provide a summary of the evaluation process and reasons for the award of contract to the successful bidder.

³ for guidance see Chief Legal Officer's note "Taking Decisions"

⁴ details of any alternative options considered and rejected by the officer at the time the decision was made

⁵ record any conflict of interest declared by any Executive Member consulted. If an Executive Member declares a conflict of interest DO NOT PROCEED without taking advice from the Chief Legal Officer

⁶ If the matter has general significance for the Council and/or is, or is likely to be, controversial, then the officer shall consult the appropriate Executive Member before proceeding. In some cases it will be necessary to consult more than one Executive Member, and in some cases the Leader of The Council will need to be consulted

⁷ If the matter has local significance, but no general significance for the Council and no controversial aspects, the officer shall consult or inform the local member in writing (or by email) and proceed. It is essential that all officers responsible for delivering services ensure that local members are kept well briefed on issues affecting their areas.