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Subject: North Hertfordshire Local Plan – Scoping Consultation

Dear Consultee

We are inviting residents, businesses, and organisations across North Hertfordshire to take part in our Local Plan scoping consultation and help shape how our area will grow and develop in the years ahead.

The Local Plan is a vital document that sets out a clear vision and framework for future development. It will guide decisions on where new homes, jobs, and infrastructure should be located, while ensuring growth is supported by the right facilities and services, and that our environment is protected and enhanced wherever possible.

Without an up-to-date Local Plan, development would still take place, but it would be more difficult to manage and could occur in locations that are less suitable. Having a Local Plan in place allows both the Council and local communities to have greater influence over where development happens and what it looks like.

In 2024, the Government introduced changes to national planning policy through the updated National Planning Policy Framework. Our new Local Plan will need to reflect these changes. In addition, new legislation introduced in March 2026 has changed the way Local Plans are prepared, including a requirement to carry out a formal scoping consultation at an early stage in the process.

This consultation is your opportunity to get involved early and help shape the direction of our new Local Plan before it is written. At this stage, we are not identifying or deciding on specific development sites. Instead, we are seeking your views on the key challenges, priorities, and opportunities facing North Hertfordshire.

Your feedback will play an important role in helping us test ideas and develop our Plan, ensuring it reflects the needs and ambitions of our communities. This includes important issues such as housing, the environment, infrastructure, and responding to climate change.

You can find out more about our new Local Plan at <https://www.north-herts.gov.uk/new-local-plan> and you can comment on the Scoping Document here <https://www.north-herts.gov.uk/scoping-stage>

We would prefer you to comment on this document via our consultation platform because it means all the comments are in one place, but you can also write to us at YourLocalPlan@North-Herts.gov.uk with your comments. If you choose to respond by email, please structure your comments by referencing the corresponding question number from the Scoping Document.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards

North Hertfordshire Strategic Planning Team