



## **REPORT of CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

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**to  
PLANNING AND LICENSING COMMITTEE  
20 JULY 2017**

### **HATFIELD PEVEREL NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN REGULATION 16 CONSULTATION**

#### **1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to consider the Council's response to the Hatfield Peverel Neighbourhood Development Plan (HPNDP). Braintree District Council (BDC) is holding the formal Regulation 16 consultation on the Neighbourhood Plan. A draft response is set out in **APPENDIX 1** to this report.

#### **2. RECOMMENDATION**

That the Committee's views are sought on the draft response to the Hatfield Peverel Neighbourhood Development Plan and approval is given for this Council's response to the consultation to be submitted.

#### **3. SUMMARY OF KEY ISSUES**

- 3.1 Hatfield Peverel has prepared a Neighbourhood Development Plan (HPNDP) for its parish. The plan proposes planning policies and allocations to be used in the determination of planning applications locally. If made the Plan will become part of the development plan for Braintree District.
- 3.2 The 6 week period of public consultation under Regulation 16 is now taking place. This is the formal consultation period, prior to the examination. All responses to this consultation will be provided to the independent examiner, who will take them into consideration during the examination into the Plan.
- 3.3 Although Hatfield Peverel is outside of Maldon District, development proposals in the village could have an impact on Maldon District residents and businesses using the B1019 to access the A12. In particular, the HPNDP supports the provision of a Maldon Link road between the B1019 and the A12 (in policies ECN5 Public Realm and HPE1 Prevention of Coalescence).
- 3.4 Officers have drafted responses for a number of policies that it is felt do not conform to the NPPF, are unclear, or are overly prescriptive. These responses are listed in **APPENDIX 1** to this report.

- 3.5 The consultation on the Hatfield Peverel Neighbourhood Plan closes on 17 July 2017. Officers have requested and received an extension of time to submit this Council's responses, to enable the draft response to be considered by this Committee.

#### 4. CONCLUSION

- 4.1 The communities of Hatfield Peverel and Nounsley have prepared a thorough Neighbourhood Development Plan that addresses locally identified issues. Officers have drafted responses for a number of policies that it is felt do not conform to the NPPF, are unclear, or are overly prescriptive.

#### 5. IMPACT ON CORPORATE GOALS

- 5.1 The HPNDP has a generally positive impact on the following corporate goals:

- Strengthening communities to be safe, active and healthy;
- Protecting and shaping the District;
- Creating opportunities for economic growth and prosperity;

#### 6. IMPLICATIONS

- (i) **Impact on Customers** – The HPNDP supports a new link road between the A12 and B1019, which would improve access to the A12 for Maldon based residents and businesses, as well as improving access through Hatfield Peverel for residents and visitors.
- (ii) **Impact on Equalities** – Overall the Plan supports equalities. However, the Plan does support the use of shared space which people who have learning difficulties, or are visually impaired have difficulty using. This has been flagged up in MDC's responses to the Plan.
- (iii) **Impact on Risk** – none
- (iv) **Impact on Resources (financial)** – none for Maldon District Council
- (v) **Impact on Resources (human)** – The review of Neighbourhood Development Plans for parishes adjoining Maldon District will require officer time.
- (vi) **Impact on the Environment** – The HPNDP seeks to protect the environment, historic assets and landscape setting of Hatfield Peverel and Nounsley.

Background Papers: The Hatfield Peverel Neighbourhood Development Plan is available at: [https://www.braintree.gov.uk/info/200230/planning\\_policy/458/neighbourhood\\_planning/5](https://www.braintree.gov.uk/info/200230/planning_policy/458/neighbourhood_planning/5)

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