



HARPENDEN TOWN COUNCIL

CLOSER TO THE COMMUNITY

Spatial Planning Team
St Albans City and District Council
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26 February 2021

Dear Sirs

Re: Statement of Community Involvement (Draft for Consultation)

Harpenden Town Council Planning Committee reviewed the above consultation document at the meeting on the 23 February 2021, and would like to submit the following observations:

- How much weight will local input, via public consultations carry? In particular, in respect of the South West Herts Joint Strategic Plan, given many residents of Harpenden will be deeply concerned at the potential implications for the Green Belt.
- Harpenden already has an adopted Neighbourhood Plan laying out its views on planning in the long term for the area. The Committee does understand that Neighbourhood Plans must conform with strategic policies in the District Local Plan Review 1994; but would expect the principals laid out in this document would stand.
- It was noted, the Council's intention to develop a tool for individuals to receive auto alert notifications of applications in certain areas, which would be seen as beneficial.

Harpenden Town Council very much look forward to being consulted on the full St Albans City and District Council Local Plan 2020-2038 update document when it becomes available for review.

Yours sincerely

Carl Cheevers
Town Clerk.