



Planning and Economic Development

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Your Reference:
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Date: 26 March 2020

Dear Mr Slater,

Shenley Neighbourhood Plan - Initial comments of the Independent Examiner

I write in response to your initial comments as part of the examination of the Shenley neighbourhood plan. As requested, please find Hertsmere Borough Council's response to the queries raised within your initial comments. Each heading relates to the paragraph number from your initial comments where the relevant query was raised.

Paragraph 9 (Local Plan timelines + opportunities for Parish involvement)

The Council is currently working towards its regulation 19 (publication) Local Plan. The Hertsmere LDS (2019) states that this publication version is due to be issued for comment in spring 2020. However there has been some slippage in these dates. Due to current circumstances it is not yet possible to confirm what the revised timetable will be. However, we do not expect to be in a position to formally issue the publication draft plan until at least early autumn 2020. 6 weeks of public consultation will follow the publication of this plan. This will be the next formal opportunity to engage with the new Local Plan. The Parish Council has responded to two prior stages of Local Plan consultation. These consultations were Issues & Options (September 2017 – November 2017) and Potential sites for housing and employment (October 2018 – December 2018).

The Council also has periodic duty to cooperate (DTC) meetings with the Parish Council. These meetings cover Local Plan issues amongst other topics. The DTC last meeting was held on 16 August 2019. The Parish Council has requested for the next DTC to be arranged, a date and time for this meeting has not been confirmed.

Paragraph 16 (Training grounds)

Watford FC has not taken over Arsenal's training ground. Arsenal FC's training ground and Watford FC's training grounds (formally known as UCL sports ground and soccer fields) are both located within the Parish, south of Bell lane. The two training grounds are adjacent to each other. Arsenal occupy the western training ground, Watford occupy the eastern training ground.

Paragraph 18 (Hertsmere Local Validation Checklist)

Hertsmere Borough Council does not have an up to date local validation checklist which is in use. The Council does not require applicants to provide information beyond what is required from the national information requirements.

Paragraph 19 (Building for Life)

Hertsmere Borough Council does not have any qualified assessors to determine compliance with the Built for Life™ Quality Mark.

I believe all other queries from your initial comments were intended for and/or have already been answered by the Parish Council. However, if there are any queries which I have failed to answer, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C Codrington', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

**Callum Codrington
Planning Assistant**