

# Adoption Decision Statement

## **Bishop's Stortford Neighbourhood Plan for Silverleys and Meads Neighbourhood Plan 1<sup>st</sup> Revision 2021- 2033**

### **Decision**

East Herts Council has made (adopted) the Bishop's Stortford Neighbourhood Plan for Silverleys and Meads wards (1<sup>st</sup> Revision) under Section 38A (11) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004. The decision to make the plan was made at a meeting of Council on 27<sup>th</sup> July 2022.

### **Reasons**

The Neighbourhood Plan is a review of the existing Silverleys and Meads Neighbourhood Plan (2015). Schedule A2 to the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 Section 38A (11) introduces a process for the modification of neighbourhood plans.

The Plan was examined from March – May 2022 and the examiner concluded that the modifications proposed to the existing made Plan are material but do not change the nature of the plan so a referendum is not required. He recommends that the Council 'Make' the plans, subject to limited modifications, to ensure compliance with the Basic Conditions. The Council accepted the examiner's recommendations.

The Council is required by Schedule A2 of The Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended) to make the Plan as soon as reasonably practicable if recommended in the examiner's report, unless doing so would breach, or otherwise

be incompatible with, any EU or human rights obligations. It was not considered that to do so would breach these obligations.

The report considered by the Council, which sets out the reasons for the decision in more detail can be viewed on the Council's website:

<http://democracy.eastherts.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=158&MIId=4037&Ver=4&J=3>

The Plan now forms part of the development plan for the Silverleys and Meads wards. In accordance with Section 38(6) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act (2004), the determination of planning applications will need to be made in accordance with the development plan, unless material considerations indicate otherwise.

This decision statement and the Bishop's Stortford Neighbourhood Plan for Silverleys and Meads wards (1<sup>st</sup> Revision) can be viewed online at [www.eastherts.gov.uk/silverleysandmeadsnp](http://www.eastherts.gov.uk/silverleysandmeadsnp). Please contact the planning policy team 01279 655261 if you would like to view a paper copy.