

The Gilston Area Community Forum

Welcome to the
Gilston Area Community Forum

14th October 2025



Agenda – Chair Cllr Vicky Glover-Ward

18:30 – 19:00

- Drop-in sessions

19:00 – 19:10

- Welcome & Introductions

19:10 – 19:20

- Update from East Herts

19:20 – 19:30

- Updates from developers

19:30 – 20:25

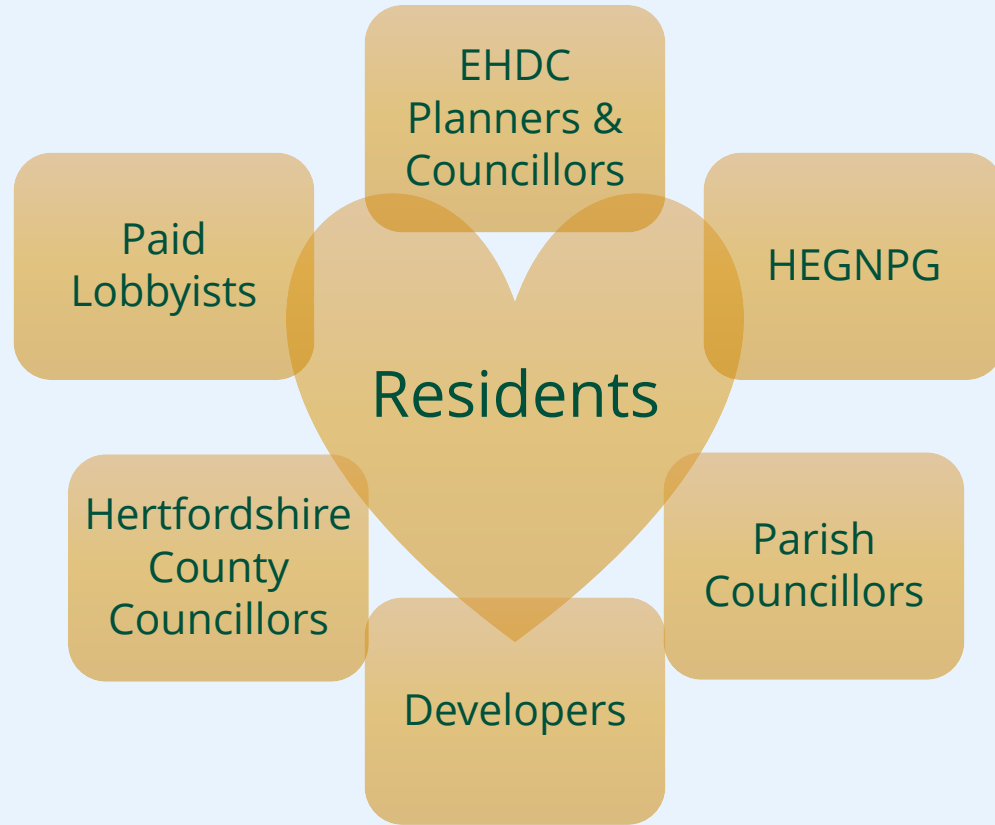
- Affinity Water

20:25 – 20:30

- Close & informal discussions



Who's Who?



How We'll Work Together

- All participants to act in a fair and responsible manner
- Treat all people with respect
- Listen to others
- Allow equal opportunity and time to share views
- Not use inflammatory language or aggressive behaviour
- Focus on comments on the topic for discussion
- Questions at the end of the presentation

We will be taking pictures and filming to publish on the Council's website. If you do not wish to be filmed or photographed, please let one of the team know, and likewise, if you would like to contribute, also let us know.

Community Forum Information

- Dates are all on the website
- A tracker showing all answers to the questions from the last CF can be downloaded from the website
- <https://www.eastherts.gov.uk/planning-and-building/gilston-area-community-forum>



EHDC Updates

January -
March

- Outline permissions granted
- Pre-Action Judicial Review Claim
- Judicial Review Claim submitted
- Initial engagement with Stewardship Group Members

April - June

- Judgement on Claim – permission refused
- Claim renewed – additional bundle submitted
- SLMP and supporting conditions submitted
- Village 7 Masterplan condition submitted
- Stewardship Group Induction and Establishment

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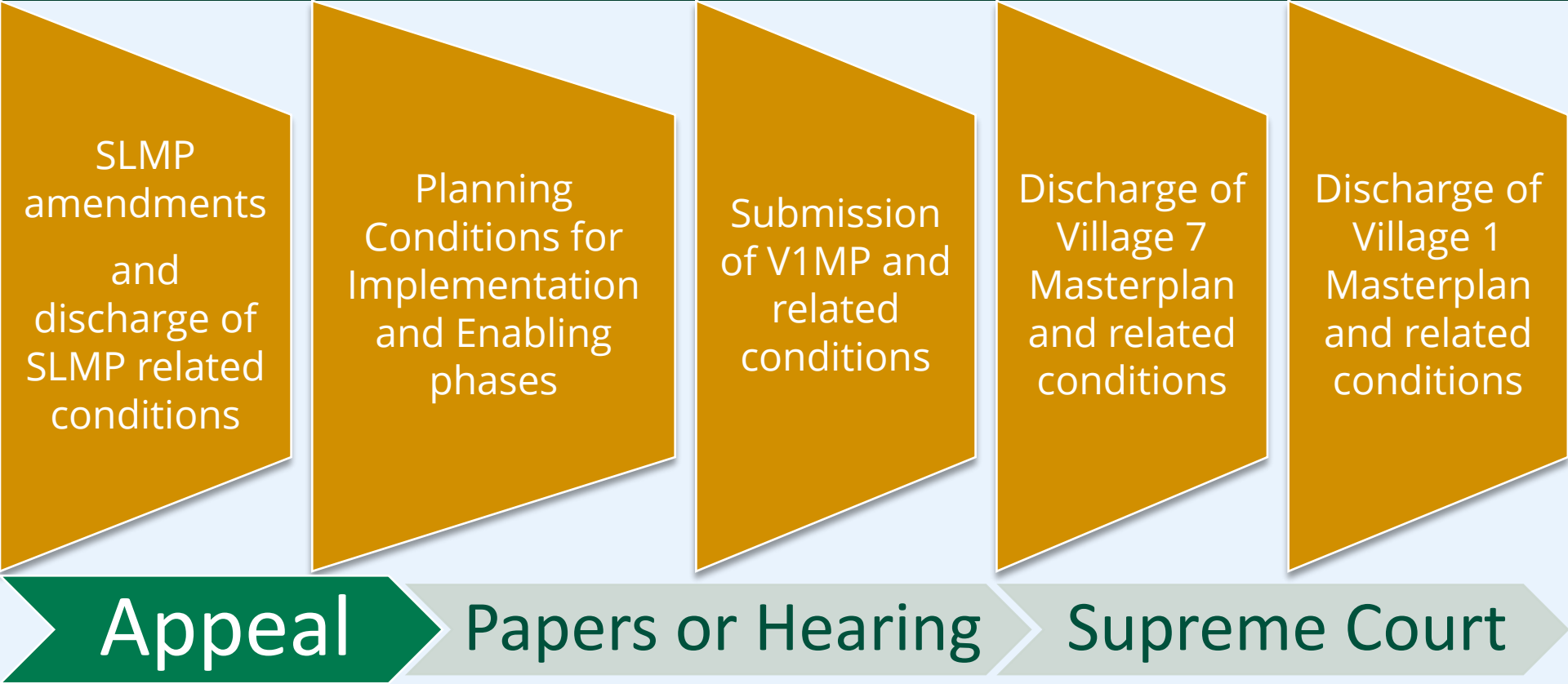
July - August

- 1st Education Review Group Meeting
- Technical sessions on SLMP matters (heritage, drainage)
- Draft Village 1 Masterplan shared for comment to CWG
- EHDC feedback to V1MP
- Stewardship Group IOBP submitted
- Gilston Area Monitoring Framework approved by Exec and Council – Interim Tracker published on website

September - October

- Claim Renewal Hearing 18th September
- Judgement on Claim Renewal – permission refused
- Appeal of Judgement submitted to Court of Appeal
- 2nd Education Review Group Meeting
- Technical discussions on V7MP (highways, drainage)

The next steps



The next steps continued

Reserved
Matters
Applications

Transport
Review Group
(TRG)

Commercial
Delivery and
Employment
Review Group
(CDERG)

S106
Monitoring of
obligations

Village 5 & 6
Masterplan
winter
2025/26

Village 2
Masterplan
early 2026

Monitoring

S106 obligations

Annual Report

Update from Harlow and Gilston Garden Town

Paula Hirst: New Director



First Ave STC



UKHSA



Other HGGT Sites

Developer Presentations

Affinity Water

Amy Pryor
&
Ilias Karapanos



Close and Informal Discussions



What themes or
issues would you like
to discuss in future
sessions?

Thank you

Next Steps:

- Comments Tracker
- Actions taken
- Agenda prepared
- Next Forum: Early 2026 date to be confirmed
- Contact us:
community.forum@eastherts.gov.uk

