

NORTH HERTS COUNCIL

WEEK ENDING FRIDAY 1 NOVEMBER 2024

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NEWS AND INFORMATION

AGENDA & REPORTS

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Overview and Scrutiny Committee – 12 November 2024
Finance, Audit & Risk Committee – 13 November 2024

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS WEEK COMMENCING 4 NOVEMBER 2024

None

UPCOMING CHAIR'S ENGAGEMENTS FROM FRIDAY 1 NOVEMBER 2024

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	None	

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UPCOMING OTHER EVENTS FROM FRIDAY 1 NOVEMBER 2024

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Monday 4 November 2024 @ 7pm – 9pm	Budget Workshop - Administration	Council Chamber, Council Offices, Gernon Road, Letchworth Garden City
Wednesday 6 November 2024 @ 6.30pm – 9pm	Member Briefing – Masterplans (Great Ashby and North of Stevenage)	Council Chamber, Council Offices, Gernon Road, Letchworth Garden City



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COMMITTEE & MEMBER SERVICES**

**MEMBERS
INFORMATION NOTE**

Please find enclosed the EELGA Briefing for the 2024 Autumn Budget and Spending Review that took place yesterday.

Please also find enclosed a copy of the press release EELGA has published in response to the fiscal event.

If you have any further queries, please do get in touch at matt.stewart@eelga.gov.uk.

Kind regards,

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EELGA 2024 Autumn Budget Briefing

Date: 31 October 2024

Report By: Matthew Stewart, Policy and Programme Manager, EELGA

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Members Budget Workshops

Members are invited to arranged budget workshops with the Service Director – Resources on the following dates – ***please note the start time is now 7.30pm:***

- Monday 4 November, 7.30pm – Administration Members
- Monday 11 November, 7.30pm – Opposition Members

These sessions will take place in the Council Chamber and *these sessions will not be recorded.*

Please respond to the meeting request circulated by Committee Services to indicate your attendance at the relevant workshop.

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LEGAL AND COMMUNITY

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North Herts Council achieves White Ribbon Accreditation, committing to end violence against women – become an Ambassador or Champion today

North Herts Council is committed to working towards ending men's violence against women by becoming White Ribbon Accredited, aligning with White Ribbon UK, the leading charity engaging men and boys to end violence against women.

At the January 2024 Council meeting a motion was passed committing North Herts Council to seeking accreditation to White Ribbon. We have good news this week that our action plan has been accepted.

We are encouraging all male councillors to take the White Ribbon pledge to never to take part in, condone or stay silent about verbal or physical violence to women and girls. Please sign up to become a White Ribbon Ambassador.

We are encouraging our female councillors to sign up as Champions, to promote the White Ribbon message and challenge men to get involved by finding opportunities to inspire and inform.

To become a champion or an ambassador, please click on the link [here](#) and help us to advocate the White Ribbon message in our workplaces and communities.

You will be hearing a lot about White Ribbon in the November culminating on White Ribbon Day on 25 November.

We'll be publishing our White Ribbon Action Plan on the [Hub](#) next week, and issuing a press release to raise awareness within our community.

Council Reps: Dave Winstanley, Sean Prendergast.

Please have a chat with your rep or me if you have any questions.

Cllr Val Bryant, Community & Partnerships
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Members Development Session – Masterplans

You are invited to all-Member briefings on 6 November and 14 November at 6.30pm to discuss the latest proposals for the following sites:

- 6 November – Great Ashby and North Stevenage
- 14 November – East of Luton

The Council's adopted Local Plan includes six 'strategic' sites of between 600 and 2,800 homes and supporting infrastructure. Between them, they will deliver approximately half of the new homes needed in the District over the Local Plan period until 2031. They are of a significantly larger scale than the new developments which have taken place in North Herts over the last 20 years. This presents challenges but also an exciting opportunity to shape new places for both our existing and future residents.

Our adopted Local Plan says that any proposals for these sites should be accompanied or preceded by a masterplan which sets out an overall vision and key principles for any formal planning proposals.

Following on from the general training session on design and masterplanning which was held during the summer, these sessions will be an opportunity for officers to present the latest masterplans for sites listed above.

Officers will go through how proposals have been developed, key amendments following engagement and any outstanding issues to be addressed at future stages. It will be an informal session with a presentation to begin, followed by a Q&A where officers will be available to answer/respond to any queries.

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Community & Partnerships Executive Member briefing – October 2024

Democratic Services

Committee Services

- Youth Democracy Day plans are well underway with around 30 students signed up to attend, two local MPs have confirmed their attendance and around 15 NHDC Councillors.
- Continuing to make arrangements for Remembrance Day, with Councillors allocated to attend each of the five events in the District.
- Set to launch our new Scrutiny intranet pages for both Officers and Members, which will be the central point for all information relating to Scrutiny and its processes.
- New Democratic Services Apprentice is starting on Monday 14 October.
- The vacant Committee, Member and Scrutiny Officer position is being re-advertised following no suitable applications to the first round. This will close on Wednesday 6 November.
- Procurement of our Committee Management System has been made live and awaiting responses from suppliers.
- Continuing with preparation for the Chair's Civic Event in February 2025.

Electoral Services

- Annual canvass in progress –
 - Route 1 (these are the properties where we don't think there has been any change) have all been sent the relevant form meaning their canvass cycle is complete.
 - Route 2 properties - 45% return rate in most canvass areas. Canvass Forms being despatched Friday 11 October as the 2nd chase.
 - Route 3 (these are properties such as care homes) are canvassed separately and responses are starting to be returned.
 - Door knocking will start towards the end of October.
- EU Voter Candidacy Rights
 - 700 electors were sent letters in the confirmation review process – so far had around 200 responses.
- Accounts
 - Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) 2020 and 2021 observations – finally been sent agreement letter to settle these accounts.
 - Justification Led Bid submitted mostly for staffing costs.
 - Two sets of accounts to prepare and submit to the Electoral Claims Unit – PCC 2024 and UKPGE 2024

- Parishes with uncontested elections in May have now been invoiced for these costs.
- By-election – 17 October
 - Postal vote opening sessions – first opening session on Wednesday 16 Oct.
- Community Governance Review
 - First consultation closed on 7 October. Next stage is to analysis the responses and present these to the Working Group before Council on 23 January 2025. At that meeting Council will need to agree the recommendations for the second stage of the consultation.
- Recruitment
 - The new Democratic Services Apprentice will start with the team on Monday 14 October 2024.

Policy & Community Services

Policy, Community & Partnerships

- **Community Forums/Grants** – all forums took place in October with a range of grants put through for recommendation.
- **Networking groups** – Hitchin youth trust, HCC Annual Voluntary Sector conference, NH African and Caribbean Community group and other groups.
- **North Herts Prosperity Fund** – Grant Panel meetings to recommend for approval the high scoring grants.
- **Recruitment** - The Community & Partner Officer interviews took place on the 14 October.
- **Recruitment** - Policy apprentice has started in post and is settling in well to the team.
- **Cabinet Panel for the Environment** - The meeting took place on the 9 October, covered the recently approved Sustainability Supplementary Planning Document (SPD), discussing its content, implications, and how the document developed since it was last brought to the Panel in draft format.
- **Inclusion Group** -The topics cover further work on a neurodiversity forum in the workplace and the inclusion staff survey results. This tied in with the National Inclusion Week 26th – 28th September with additional resources available to staff.
- **Events** – North Herts Heroes and Chair's event and Remembrance Sunday.

Health & Wellbeing

- Healthy Hub - Wellbeing sessions delivered by the Healthy Hub in Royston, Knebworth, and Hitchin, as well as monthly carers support group.
- On going food air fryer courses and slow cooking through various community groups to good effect.
- Attended Hertfordshire sport and health liaison meeting with Herts Sport Partnership and other districts / boroughs.
- Work with local providers to evaluate our low impact exercise programme across the district to identify potential changes for 2025/26.
- Meeting with Herts Disability Sport Foundation to look at training for boccia coaches for both sessions for disabled young people and older adults.
- Community Wellbeing team delivered cookery for older people, fun with numbers for families, cooking for people living with mental health conditions this week.
- First inter-generational project session in Letchworth delivered with Garden House Hospice Compassionate Neighbours and Hillshott Infant School.
- Initial discussion regarding the Household Support Fund extension - Oct 2024 -March 2025.
- Frailty classes booked at Letchworth and Baldock.
- Food education and care support scheme in Knebworth.
- Outlook articles on community wellbeing services, volunteering with a spotlight on local Sports clubs.

Safeguarding

- **Recruitment** – Interviews have been held for the Safeguarding Team leader. A provisional date for commencement will be the beginning of December.
- **Awareness** – Awareness days and Insight articles have been submitted to raise awareness on:
 - Hertfordshire's Drug and Alcohol Strategy 2025-30.
 - Research on Suicide Attempts and Health Conditions.
 - Mind in Mid Herts Befriending Discharge Service.
 - Safeguarding referrals from NHC Staff.
 - Online Safety Act.
 - Flexible Funding.
 - Suicide Prevention Network's Newsletter.
 - Safeguarding training compliance by directorate at NHC.
 - 2024/25 safeguarding training course dates.



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Remembrance Day Events 2024

Remembrance Day falls on Sunday 10 November this year.

The District Council will be represented at the following events:

Baldock

Councillor Val Bryant
Alan Richards CB JP DL

**Act of Remembrance
10 November 2024**

9.30am St Mary's Church & War Memorial, High Street at 10.45am

Church service at St Mary's before the wreath laying at the War Memorial

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Hitchin

Councillor Clare Billing
Sir George Norton KCVO CBE DL

**Act of Remembrance
10 November 2024**

St. Mary's Church, 10.00am & War Memorial, Hitchin 11:00 AM

Church service commencing at 10.00am followed by wreath laying at 11am for the Act of Remembrance by the War Memorial

Organiser contact details: Tina Morrans

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Knebworth

Councillors Lisa Nash and Paul Ward
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Act of Remembrance
10 November 2024
Knebworth War Memorial, 12.30pm

12.30pm parade from Lytton Arms to War Memorial for wreath laying

Organiser contact details: Graham Fothergill, Secretary, Knebworth Family of Churches, gafothergill@gmail.com

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Act of Remembrance
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War Memorial, Letchworth

Meet at 10.30am for a 10.45am start at War Memorial, Station Road, Letchworth.
11.30am Free Church, Leys Ave, Norton Way South, Letchworth

There are hot drinks served before and after the service in the Broadway Gallery

Organiser contact details: Richard Harbon, Letchworth BID Manager,
richard@loveletchworth.com

Royston

Councillor Ruth Brown
Emma Roberts DL

Act of Remembrance
10 November 2024
Royston Town Hall
Melbourne Street, Royston
War Memorial at 10.35am

Meet at 10.00am at Royston Town Hall, Melbourne Street, Royston for the parade, with laying of wreaths to follow from 10.35am at the War Memorial.

Organiser contact details: Tracy Iontton,
admin@roystontowncouncil.gov.uk

Remembrance Day is a key civic engagement in the Chair's Calendar and an important annual event. Event organisers are naturally keen to mark the occasion and pay their respects.

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Council Activity

New Council Plan 2024-2028

We have launched our new council plan for 2024-2028, setting out our vision and priorities for the next four years. Our vision is:

'Working with you for a fairer, greener North Herts'

Our four priorities are:

- **Thriving Communities**
- **Accessible Services**
- **Responsible Growth**
- **Sustainability**

Read the [Council Plan](#) on our website now!

Climate Hive Engagements

The [Climate Hive](#) now has 386 subscribers and we continue to update users with the latest climate activity and awareness initiatives such as LNRS engagement, Environment Week, Recycle Week, upcoming environmental films and open surveys.

Executive Member Q&A!

Throughout the month of November, we are giving you the opportunity to ask the Executive Member for Waste Management and Recycling, Cllr Amy Allen, anything Waste and Recycling related! Head to the [Climate Hive](#) to ask your question!

Local Nature Recovery Strategy

Work continues on Hertfordshire's Local Nature Recovery Strategy (LNRS). Key stakeholders are helping develop specific strategic priorities for Hertfordshire's urban areas. These priorities aim to join up fragmented habitats, provide wildlife corridors, improve greenspaces, and help improve air quality. North Herts are currently assisting in providing information to help shape these urban priorities.

Solar for Business

The pilot scheme is progressing and project oversight meetings are ongoing. [Solar for Business](#)

For queries or comments, please contact the Policy & Strategy Team at environmentpanel@north-herts.gov.uk

Cabinet Panel for the Environment

Meeting held on the 9th October covered the topic of the Sustainability Supplementary Planning Document and an update on the national government plans. More information and previous meetings can be found [here](#).

HCCSP LARA Pilot

The Hertfordshire Climate Change and Sustainability Partnership (HCCSP) has been chosen to take part in the fully-funded programme of the Local Area Retrofit Accelerator ([LARA](#)). Workshops are taking place over a twelve-week period to develop the Retrofit Strategy for Hertfordshire.

Hertfordshire Environmental Improvement Grant

Hertfordshire County Council are on the lookout for projects to support with their Environmental Improvement Grant, with up to £3,000 in funding available for people or groups who are hoping to improve nature on their land and in their local communities. For further information on eligibility and to apply, head to [Environmental Improvement Grants](#)

UKSPF Grants awarded

Grants between £5,000 and £20,000 have been awarded to community groups as part of the [North Herts Prosperity Fund](#). Funding has been awarded for projects including tech recycling and reuse, revitalising gardens and upgrades to allotments.

Local Events

LGCHF Retrofit event

[Letchworth Garden City Heritage Foundation](#) are hosting a free, beginners guide to retrofit event.

Date & Time: **6th November 5:45pm**

Location: **The Broadway Gallery, the Arcade, Letchworth**

Secure a place and book your free ticket now:

[Beginners Guide to Retrofit Tickets, Wed, Nov 6, 2024 at 5:45 PM | Eventbrite](#)

Sustainability Tips

Plastic Free & Sustainable Products

Disposable nappies, incontinence products and period products all create a lot of waste, so switching to reusables make sense, for your wallet and the planet!

There are lots of options to choose from when it comes to reusable products, and Hertfordshire Residents can apply for a 15% discount on a selected range of nappy, incontinence and period products, catering for the whole family.

For more information and to apply for discounts:

[Herts Sustainable Periods](#)
[Herts Confident Continence](#)
[Herts Reusable Nappies](#)

HEAT Energy App

The HEAT Herts Energy Advice Tool, an energy saving app continues to be available for residents to download and use. The app is designed to take residents through their home and fill in a survey to identify how they can reduce their energy usage in order to save money on bills and help the environment.

The app is available for both Android and iOS users:

[Download the HEAT app for Apple devices](#)

[Download the HEAT app for Android devices](#)

Thermal Imaging Cameras

Now the colder months are with us, find out more about thermal imaging and how you can loan a camera, save money on your energy bills and reduce your carbon emissions. Head to the North Herts Climate Hive. [Thermal Imaging Cameras.](#)

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Green Heat Coop survey

[Green Heat Coop](#) are working on a guide for homeowners on how to make properties more energy and cost efficient in Royston and surrounding villages. Take the survey to help guide services and tailor resources!

[Royston & Villages Household Survey 2024](#)

Environmental films

The Broadway Cinema, Letchworth are hosting a number of environmental documentary type films until the end of 2024. 2 remaining films showing:

- Fashion Reimagined (12A) -
Sunday 10 November 17:45 & Thursday 14th November 20:15
- Dear Future Children (15) -
Sunday 8 December 18:00 & Thursday 12th December 20:15

For more information <https://www.broadway-leitchworth.com/cinema/environmental-films/>.

Headlines

COP29

The UN Climate Change Conference begins in Baku, Azerbaijan on the 11th November, themed this year 'In Solidarity for a Green World'.

Renewable energy generation

51.6% of the UK's energy generation from April 2023 and June this year was produced by renewables!

Met Office LA Climate Service

The MET Office have launched a data portal, the [Local Authority Climate Service](#) to help local authorities better understand climate risks and take action.

Autum budget

The new government budget is here, including [carbon capture](#) and local authority funding.

Have your say!

Property Flood Resilience Survey

Hertfordshire County Council (HCC) is keen to hear from residents whose homes have flooded, or are at risk of flooding, to decide whether to reintroduce a grant scheme to fund flood defences for properties. [Complete the survey](#) to express your interest in the grant scheme.

Economic Strategy survey

[Hertfordshire Futures](#) is developing a new Economic Strategy for the county for the next 10 years and beyond. They want to hear from all stakeholders on building a more inclusive and sustainable economy. Take the [survey](#) and share your views now!

**Leisure and Active Communities
(PLACE)**

MEMBERS INFORMATION NOTE

Leisure and Active Communities Update

Customer Drop-in Sessions

Everyone Active have arranged the following drop-in sessions at each of the leisure facilities, detailed below, to allow the public an opportunity to feedback and raise any queries they may have.

Centre	Date	Time
Royston Leisure Centre	7 November 2024	10.00-13.00
		16.30-19.00
North Herts Leisure Centre	14 November 2024	10.00-13.00
	12 December 2024	17.00-19.00
Hitchin Swimming and Fitness Centre	18 November 2024	10.00-14.00
		18.00-19.00

Leisure Centre refurbishment updates

North Herts Leisure Centre

On 21 September 2024 a brand-new £750,000 refurbished gym opened at the North Herts Leisure Centre. The gym now includes Life Fitness cardio equipment, advanced resistance equipment and brand-new free weights, benches, dumbbells and squat racks.

Royston Leisure Centre

Everyone Active have completed a project to create a new cycling studio at Royston Leisure Centre which has doubled in size. In addition, the members changing rooms were refurbished to ensure customer satisfaction was maintained.

Hitchin Swimming and Fitness

In November 2024 a two-month project to upgrade the gym at Hitchin Swimming and Fitness Centre will commence. Everyone Active have carried out consultation with users to understand individual gym equipment preferences which will be incorporated into the scheme. The members changing rooms will also be refurbished early January 2024.

This refurbishment follows other work at Hitchin Swimming and Fitness Centre which has just been completed, including Everyone Active's first Reformer studio and a new spin studio, alongside the refurbishment of two existing studios.

Everyone Skate Letchworth

The ice rink will be returning to Letchworth Lido from 23 November 2024 – 12 January 2025. Booking is now open via the Everyone Active [website](#).

UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF)

The UK Shared Prosperity Fund is a central pillar of the UK government's Levelling Up agenda and provides £2.6 billion of funding for local investment by March 2025. The Fund aims to improve pride in place and increase life chances across the UK investing in communities and place, supporting local business, and people and skills. North Herts Councils UKSPF £1.5m investment plan was approved, of which, £365k was allocated to active communities' programmes.

Exercise Referral Scheme - The exercise referral scheme has been relaunched to encourage people with a medical condition, that can be helped with physical activity, to use our leisure facilities in North Hertfordshire. With the help of Everyone Active's specialist exercise professionals, this offers support and guidance to get active. This allows healthcare professionals to refer people for eight weeks free at their local facility to help them create a new habit. After the eight weeks free expires, participants are offered a discounted membership rate to continue. Since the relaunch we had **407** people sign up to the exercise referral scheme across all 3 leisure facilities.

Outdoor Gym - This funding has been used to upgrade and enhance the Outdoor Gyms that currently exist in our Green Spaces. We have had a new outdoor gym installed at Royston Leisure Centre, upgraded the existing equipment at Baldock Road Rec, Letchworth and King George V, Hitchin, and the final outdoor gym is being installed at Avenue Park, Baldock by March 2025.

Low-cost exercise classes –Multiple classes have been run over the District such as Health Walks, Older Adult seated exercise, Outdoor Yoga and many more. These have been hugely successful with over **1000** attendances at the classes.

For more information please contact:

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NORTH HERTFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

DECISION SHEET

Meeting of the Planning Control Committee held in the Council Chamber, District Council
Offices, Letchworth Garden City, SG6 3JF
on Thursday, 24th October, 2024 at 7.30 pm

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Ruth Brown, Sadie Billing and Amy Allen.

Having given due notice Councillor Steve Jarvis substituted for Councillor Brown, Councillor Val Bryant substituted for Councillor Billing and Councillor Mick Debenham substituted for Councillor Allen.

2 MINUTES - 26 SEPTEMBER 2024

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 26 September 2024 be approved as a true record of the proceedings and be signed by the Chair.

3 NOTIFICATION OF OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business notified.

4 CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

- (1) The Chair advised that, in accordance with Council Policy, the meeting would be recorded.
- (2) The Chair drew attention to the item on the agenda front pages regarding Declarations of Interest and reminded Members that, in line with the Code of Conduct, any Declarations of Interest needed to be declared immediately prior to the item in question.
- (3) The Chair clarified matters for the registered speakers.
- (4) The Chair advised that Section 4.8.23(a) of the Constitution applied to the meeting.
- (5) Agenda Item 6, 24/00444/FP had been withdrawn from the agenda as the applicant had withdrawn the application, therefore there was no longer an application to consider.
- (6) The Chair advised of a change in the order of the agenda. Agenda Item 8 would be taken ahead of Agenda Item 7.

5 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The Chair confirmed that the registered speakers were in attendance.

6 24/00444/FP NORTHWAY FILLING STATION, GREAT NORTH ROAD, HINXWORTH, BALDOCK, HERTFORDSHIRE SG7 5EX

The Chair confirmed that agenda item 6, 24/00444/FP had been withdrawn from the agenda following the withdrawal of the application, therefore there was no longer an application to consider.

7 **24/00671/FP GREENSIDE, LONDON ROAD, LANGLEY, HITCHIN, HERTFORDSHIRE SG4 7PP**

RESOLVED: That application 24/00671/FP be **GRANTED** planning permission subject to the reasons and conditions set out in the report of the Development and Conservation Manager subject to an additional Condition 17.

“Condition 17

Prior to the first occupation of the first dwelling, a scheme of traffic calming measures is to be submitted to, and agreed in writing by, the Local Planning Authority, and installed on site and be retained thereafter.

Reason – to ensure traffic is moving at a slow speed to protect users of Footpath no.14. LP Policy T1.”

8 **24/00952/FPH 14 OAKFIELDS AVENUE, KNEBWORTH, HERTFORDSHIRE SG3 6NP**

RESOLVED: That application 24/00952/FPH be **GRANTED** planning permission subject to the reasons and conditions set out in the report of the Development and Conservation Manager.

9 **PLANNING APPEALS**

The Development and Conservation Manager provided an update on Planning Appeals.

RECORD OF DECISION MADE UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY

Any interest to declare/ or conflict and any dispensation granted <i>[if applicable]</i>	
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SERVICE DIRECTORATE: PLACE

1. DECISION TAKEN

1.1 To approve to hold a Santa Canta run event on the 7th December 2024 between 09.00 to 11.00 hrs at Norton Common, Letchworth.

2. DECISION TAKER

2.1. Andrew Mills, Service Manager Greenspace

3. DATE DECISION TAKEN:

3.1 29th October 2024

4. REASON FOR DECISION

4.1 To support the organisers to provide this annual event for the community.

5. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

5.1 The organisers have approached North Herts Council to host this event. No other alternatives have been considered.

6. CONSULTATION (INCLUDING THE EFFECT ON STAKEHOLDERS, PARTNERS AND THE PUBLIC)

6.1 Consultation has been undertaken with colleagues in the Safety Advisory Group.

7. FORWARD PLAN

7.1 This decision is not a key Executive decision and has therefore not been referred to in the Forward Plan.

8. BACKGROUND/ RELEVANT CONSIDERATIONS

8.1 The organisers have approached NHC for approval to use this location for their event.

9. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

9.1 The authority has an obligation to ensure that the public open spaces it maintains are at a standard that are safe for everyone to use. Additionally, the authority has an obligation to ensure that any environmentally sensitive environment is not damaged due to actions or intentions of others.

10. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

10.1 There are no financial risks as this opportunity is generating income.

11. RISK IMPLICATIONS

11.1 There are no risk implications. However, risk assessments have been considered to endeavour that this is a safe event.

12. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

12.1 In line with the Public Sector Equality Duty, public bodies must, in the exercise of their functions, give due regard to the need to eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation, to advance equality of opportunity and foster good relations between those who share a protected characteristic and those who do not.

12.2 Central Government and national groups have expressed the continued importance of public Green Space in the health and well-being of communities. From April 2013 local authorities at county level are required to take on the statutory duty to improve the health of their communities as required by the Health and Social Care Act 2012 and with it, to acquire many of the public health services currently the responsibility of the NHS. The use of open spaces, parks, playgrounds, and relevant leisure facilities are promoted in terms of reducing the impact of obesity on long term health, the importance in the management of wellbeing and in aiding relaxation, as well as sensory' enjoyment.

13. SOCIAL VALUE IMPLICATIONS

13.1 The event is open to everyone.

14. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

14.1 There are no known Environmental impacts or requirements that apply to this event.

15. HUMAN RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

15.1 This item of work is contained within the Place Directorate existing work programs.

16. BACKGROUND PAPERS

16.1 None

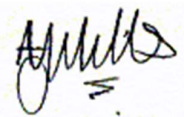
17. APPENDICES

17.1 None

NOTIFICATION DATE - 1st November 2024

Signature of Executive Member ConsultedNot Applicable.....

Date29th October 2024



Signature of Decision Taker

Please Note: that *unless urgency provisions apply* EXECUTIVE decisions cannot be implemented until 5 clear working days have elapsed after the decision has been taken to allow for scrutiny call-in.

EAST TEAM

Application No.	Applicant/Agent Address	Location Address, Applicant Name & Proposal
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Ashwell Parish Council

24/02322/LDCP	Mr David Cook Valentine House, Partridge Hill, Ashwell, Baldock, Hertfordshire, SG7 5QZ	Valentine House Partridge Hill Ashwell Baldock Hertfordshire SG7 5QZ Mr David Cook Erection of detached stable/storage block.
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24/02426/TCA	Mr Simon Bettany 95 High Street, Ashwell, Baldock, SG7 5NT, United Kingdom	95 High Street Ashwell Baldock Hertfordshire SG7 5NT Mr Simon Bettany T1: Silver Birch - Lightly pollard and reduce crown by up to 25% to a height of 20ft. T2: Maple - Lightly pollard and reduce crown by up to 25% to a height of 18ft.
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Baldock

24/02388/LBC	Intouch Planning Ltd Mr James Gran 4 Ennismore Close, Letchworth Garden City, SG6 2SU, United Kingdom	20 High Street Baldock Hertfordshire SG7 6AX Mr Sabahipour Minor changes to window arrangements of approved application 23/02192/LBC.
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24/02389/LDCP	Your Plans UK Mr Harrison Eales Suite A2, Stevenage, Hertfordshire, SG1 3UN	2 The Sycamores Baldock Hertfordshire SG7 5BJ Mr Paul Clayton Alterations to existing garage to facilitate partial conversion into habitable space
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Barley Parish Council

24/02406/TCA	Mr Ian Turner Horseshoe Farm, London Road, Barley, Royston, Hertfordshire, SG8 8JE	Horseshoe Farm London Road Barley Royston Hertfordshire SG8 8JE Mr Ian Turner Walnut - Remove
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24/02421/TCA	Mrs Jenny Robinson Arboretum, Ware Park, Ware, SG12 0DY, United Kingdom	The Old Granary Church End Barley Royston Hertfordshire SG8 8JW Mr Jagelman T1: Goat Willow - Remove low limb to clear house
24/02422/TCA	Mrs Jenny Robinson Arboretum, Ware Park, Ware, SG12 0DY, United Kingdom	Kestrels Church End Barley Royston Hertfordshire SG8 8JN Mr Jagelman T1: Yew - Reduce back side by 1.5m to balance
Letchworth Garden City		
24/01812/FP	Miss Beatrice Pryor 60 Wilbury Way, Hitchin, SG4 0TP, United Kingdom	The Old Grammar School Broadway Letchworth Garden City Hertfordshire SG6 3NX Miss Beatrice Pryor Alterations to front access path and installation of two lawn signage structures (development already carried out)
24/01821/FP	Miss Beatrice Pryor 60 Wilbury Way, Hitchin, SG4 0TP, SG4 0TP, United Kingdom	The Old Grammar School Broadway Letchworth Garden City Hertfordshire SG6 3NX Miss Beatrice Pryor Installation of theatre fire exit and concrete ramp (development already carried out)
24/02073/FPH	Mr David Surgey 139 Baldock Road, Letchworth Garden City, Hertfordshire, SG6 2EQ	139 Baldock Road Letchworth Garden City Hertfordshire SG6 2EQ Mr David Surgey Erection of Childrens play/treehouse on raised platform in rear garden (development has commenced)
24/02114/LBC	Mr Peter Lucas The Cloisters , Barrington Road, Letchworth Garden City, Hertfordshire, SG6 3TH	The Cloisters Barrington Road Letchworth Garden City Hertfordshire SG6 3TH Mr Peter Lucas Recording of and temporary removal of unstable chimney.

24/02291/FPH	Pentangle Design Group Mr Jonathan Read Suite 1, 21 Bancroft , Hitchin, SG5 1JW, United Kingdom	2 Eastholm Letchworth Garden City Hertfordshire SG6 4TN	Mr & Mrs Moore	Two storey rear extension with solar roof panels, following demolition of existing conservatory, existing single storey rear extension and two rear dormer windows.
24/02292/LBC	Pentangle Design Group Mr Jonathan Read Suite 1, 21 Bancroft , Hitchin, SG5 1JW, United Kingdom	2 Eastholm Letchworth Garden City Hertfordshire SG6 4TN	Mr & Mrs Moore	Two storey rear extension with solar roof panels, following demolition of existing conservatory, existing single storey rear extension and two rear dormer windows, and internal alterations.
24/02293/FPH	Mr John Moss 34 Lammas Way, Letchworth Garden City, Hertfordshire, SG6 4LW	34 Lammas Way Letchworth Garden City Hertfordshire SG6 4LW	Mr John Moss	Installation of rear elevation air source heat pump.
24/02345/LDCP	Lobs Design Mr Ian Lawrence Devonshire Business Centre, Works Road, Letchworth Garden City, Hertfordshire, SG6 1GJ	12 Highfield Letchworth Garden City Hertfordshire SG6 3QD	Paula Pallister	Replacement of 3 No. outbuildings in rear garden following demolition of existing outbuildings
24/02359/FPH	Your Plans UK Mr Kieran Cooper Suite A2, Stevenage, Stevenage, SG1 3UN	122 Gaunts Way Letchworth Garden City Hertfordshire SG6 4PP	Mrs Sonal Bull	Part two storey, part single storey rear extension.
Radwell Parish Meeting				
24/02265/FP	Miss Emma Harding Thorney Weir House, Thorney Mill Lane, Iver, SL0 9AQ, United Kingdom	Baldock Services Great North Road Radwell Baldock Hertfordshire SG7 5TR	Miss Emma Harding	Erection of electric heavy goods vehicle (eHGV) charging hub with associated works.

24/02303/FPH Alitex Ltd Miss Fern Cumbers Mill End Farmhouse
Torberry Farm, South Harting, West Mill End
Sussex, GU31 5RG Sandon
Buntingford
Hertfordshire
SG9 0RP

Mr John Davies

Erection of detached greenhouse following demolition of existing greenhouse

Weston Parish Council

24/02203/FPH Mrs Julie Marvell Kyrenia
Kyrenia, Maiden Street, Weston, Maiden Street
Hitchin, Hertfordshire, SG4 7AA Weston
Hitchin
Hertfordshire
SG4 7AA

Mrs Julie Marvell

Erection of side elevation conservatory.

WEST TEAM

Application No.	Applicant/Agent Address	Location Address, Applicant Name & Proposal
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Codicote Parish Council

24/02311/FPH Home Extension Designs Ltd Mr 134 High Street
Stuart Cook Codicote
HED House, 60A Bridge Road East, Hitchin
Welwyn Garden City, AL7 1JU, Hertfordshire
United Kingdom SG4 8UB

Mr D Shadbolt

Single storey side and rear extension; side canopy and alterations to openings/fenestration on side elevation.

Graveley Parish Council

24/02117/FPH Benchmark Architects Ms Mah E Manor Farm
Kamil Faisal Church Lane
Victoria House, 199 Avebury Blvd, Graveley
Milton Keynes, MK9 1AU, United Hitchin
Kingdom Hertfordshire
SG4 7BN

Mr Stuart Poonawala

Single storey rear extension and alterations to fenestration. Erection of rear outbuilding to facilitate golf simulator/gym/office with associated decking; erection of greenhouse/store following demolition of existing outbuilding. Installation of front entrance gate to driveway.

24/02342/LBC	Benchmark Architects Ms Mah Kamil Faisal Victoria House, 199 Avebury Blvd, Milton Keynes, MK9 1AU, United Kingdom	Manor Farm Church Lane Graveley Hitchin Hertfordshire SG4 7BN Mr Stuart Poonawala Single storey rear extension and internal and external alterations
Hitchin		
24/02221/FPH	Whitebrick Mr Colin Weatherall Morris 29B Hermitage Road, Hitchin, SG5 1BY	27 Hawthorn Close Hitchin Hertfordshire SG5 2BW Mrs Merryfield Alterations to existing roof to include raised roof height and insertion of front and rear dormer windows to create habitable space at first floor level. Alterations to existing attached garage to include raised roof height and insertion of front and side windows following removal of existing garage doors to facilitate conversion of garage into dining room. Open sided porch following demolition of existing porch. creation of vehicular access off Hawthorn Close
24/02285/FPH	CROE Architects Mr Joe Reader Suite 10, 18 Walsworth Road, Hitchin, SG4 9SP, United Kingdom	24 Benslow Rise Hitchin Hertfordshire SG4 9QX Mr And Mrs Bos Part two storey and part single storey rear, first floor side extension; two storey front extension and single storey front extension following demolition of existing conservatory. External insulation and render. Erection of rear outbuilding.
24/02298/FPH	Improve It Design Ltd Mr John Williams 9 Broadstone, Dartmouth, Select, TQ6 9NR, United Kingdom	25 Harkness Way Hitchin Hertfordshire SG4 0QJ Mr L Perricone Single storey front; side and rear extensions following demolition of existing garage/store
24/02299/LDCP	Improve It Design Ltd Mr John Williams 9 Broadstone, Dartmouth, Devon, TQ6 9NR	25 Harkness Way Hitchin Hertfordshire SG4 0QJ Mr L Perricone Insertion of rear box dormer window with Juliet balcony including first and second floor side windows to facilitate conversion of loft space into habitable accommodation

24/02315/FPH Barker Parry Town Planning Ltd Mrs 55 Periwinkle Lane
Kenya Sharland Hitchin
33 Bancroft, Hitchin, SG5 1LA, Hertfordshire
United Kingdom SG5 1TZ

Mrs Helen Eliot & Mr Peter Eliot

Installation of front hardstanding (Development already carried out).

24/02320/FPH BAYA Mr Patrick Bowler 3 Spinney Close
13 Clifton Vale, Bristol, Bristol, BS8 Hitchin
4PT Hertfordshire
SG4 9PD

Priya Patel

Single storey front porch extension and insertion of two front dormer windows to facilitate loft conversion following demolition of existing porch.

24/02415/TCA Mrs Allison Sparrow Arborcare 3 Mews Court Rear Of 22
Unit N, Shangri-La Farm, SG1 2JE Bancroft
Hitchin
Hertfordshire
SG5 1JW

Woods

T1: Oak - Crown thin by 30% and reduce away from flats by 2m and reduce away from no 3 by 2m.

Offley Parish Council

24/02358/FPH AJF Project Design Mr A Ford 9 Garden Fields
22 Ashtons Lane, Baldock, SG7 Offley
6JJ, United Kingdom Hitchin
Hertfordshire
SG5 3DF

Mr S Moulding

Single storey front and rear extensions. Installation of additional front hardstanding

Pirton Parish Council

24/02341/FPH Charlotte Fausset Architect The Lodge
Charlotte Fausset Shillington Road
30 Shillington Road, Pirton, Hitchin, Pirton
Hertfordshire, SG5 3QL Hitchin
Hertfordshire
SG5 3HB

Peters

Two storey rear extension including first floor side balcony platform, dormer windows and rooflights. External cladding

St Ippolytts Parish Council

**NORTH HERTFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL
PLANNING CONTROL
COUNCIL OFFICES, GERON ROAD, LETCHWORTH, HERTS SG6 3JF**

**LIST OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED IN WEEK ENDING: 01/11/2024
DEADLINE FOR COUNCILLORS' CALL IN: 21/11/2024**

24/02391/TCA Mrs Allison Sparrow Arborcare Calebs Cottage
Unit N, Shangri La Farm, SG1 2JE Stevenage Road
St Ippolyts
Hertfordshire
SG4 7PE

Blaksley

T1: Apple - Re-pollard back to previous points. T2: Pear - Crown
reduce height and spread by up to 1m

St Pauls Walden Parish Council

24/02423/TCA Mr Dom Walker The Blue Tree Dower House
Company The Hoo
50 Bunyan Road, Hitchin, SG5 1NN Codicote Road
Whitwell
Hitchin
Hertfordshire
SG4 8HN

Ms Maureen Pekenc

T1: Yew - Reduce the height up to 6m to the point of the top of the rose
growing within. Shape and balance the crown. Remove larger parts of
the rose where it has died.

T2: Cherry - Re pollard to the old point removing the newer shoots. This
will reduce the height by 3-4m.

T3 & T4: Dead Birches - Fell to ground level.

(Including Withdrawn decisions)

EAST TEAM

Application No: 23/01622/DOC	Location: 168 Wilbury Road Letchworth Garden City Hertfordshire SG6 4JD Applicant Name: Mr & Mrs Dowden-Teale Description: Details reserved by Condition 4 (Windows details) of listed building consent 22/01475/LBC granted on 05.10.2022.	Decision: Approval of Details Decision Date: 25/10/2024
Application No: 24/01542/FP	Location: Reading Room 12 High Street Barkway Royston Hertfordshire SG8 8EE Applicant Name: Barkway Parish Council Clerk at Barkway Parish Coun Description: Replace existing entrance steps with an access ramp and replace existing retaining wall.	Decision: Conditional Permission Decision Date: 25/10/2024
Application No: 24/01543/LBC	Location: Reading Room 12 High Street Barkway Royston Hertfordshire SG8 8EE Applicant Name: Barkway Parish Council Clerk at Barkway Parish Coun Description: Replace existing entrance steps with an access ramp and replace existing retaining wall.	Decision: Conditional Consent Decision Date: 25/10/2024
Application No: 24/01867/FPH	Location: 28 Parklands Royston Hertfordshire SG8 9HL Applicant Name: Mr Claus Goersmann Description: Single storey rear and side extensions and insertion of rooflights to existing rear roofslope to facilitate loft conversion.	Decision: Conditional Permission Decision Date: 24/10/2024
Application No: 24/01900/FP	Location: Unit 6 Royston Gateway Trade Park Darlington Road Royston Hertfordshire SG8 5PF Applicant Name: Mrs Sara Humphries Greggs plc Description: Installation air conditioning condenser units, extractor grilles and fixed outside seating.	Decision: Conditional Permission Decision Date: 29/10/2024
Application No: 24/01901/AD	Location: Unit 6 Royston Gateway Trade Park Darlington Road Royston Hertfordshire SG8 5PF Applicant Name: Mrs Sara Humphries Greggs plc Description: Installation of internally illuminated four fascia signs and one internally illuminated projecting sign.	Decision: Conditional Consent Decision Date: 29/10/2024
Application No: 24/01910/FPH	Location: 2A Middle Drift Royston Hertfordshire SG8 5BU Applicant Name: Mr Richard Lewis Description: Erection of garden room and shed and erection of fence (as amended by plan received on 15/10/2024).	Decision: Conditional Permission Decision Date: 24/10/2024
Application No: 24/02043/AG	Location: Land At Manor Farm Church Lane Bygrave Baldock Hertfordshire SG7 5EE Applicant Name: Mr D Northern D Northern & Sons Description: Erection of No.2 manure shelters to existing pig housing and breeding sheds.	Decision: Prior Approval Not Required Decision Date: 24/10/2024
Application No: 24/02168/TCA	Location: The Cottage Smiths End Lane Barley Hertfordshire SG8 8LH Applicant Name: Helen Edwards Description: T1, T2, T3, T4: Cherry - Reduce by 2m. T5: 2 x Ash - Fell to ground level. T6, T8: Ash - Fell to ground level. T7: 3x Ash - Fell to ground level. T9: Walnut - Reduce by 3m	Decision: No Objection Decision Date: 29/10/2024

EAST TEAM

Application No: 24/02182/DOC
Location: Colt House Southern Green Rushden Buntingford Hertfordshire SG9 0SS
Applicant Name: Trustees Of 'Captain Jeremy James' 1963 Marriage Se
Description:Details reserved by Condition 9 (External Lighting) of planning permission reference 24/00873/FP granted on 15.08.2024
Decision: Approval of Details
Decision Date: 25/10/2024

Application No: 24/02190/TCA
Location: Mill Corner Farm Jacksons Lane Reed Royston Hertfordshire SG8 8AB
Applicant Name: Lou Walters
Description:T1: Willow - Overall reduce by 3.5m . T2: Silver Birch - Thin by 20%
Decision: No Objection
Decision Date: 29/10/2024

Application No: 24/02191/TCA
Location: St Georges 54 High Street Barkway Royston Hertfordshire SG8 8EE
Applicant Name: Mr Carl Smalley
Description:T1: Walnut - Reduce side back to boundary, 3m and shape back the top. T2: Holmoak - Reduce to previous points around 3m
Decision: No Objection
Decision Date: 29/10/2024

Application No: 24/02212/TCA
Location: 50 Broadwater Avenue Letchworth Garden City Hertfordshire SG6 3HJ
Applicant Name: Elizabeth Schofield
Description:7x Conifer - Remove
Decision: No Objection
Decision Date: 25/10/2024

Application No: 24/02246/TCA
Location: Land Adjacent To Horseshoe Farm London Road Barley Hertfordshire SG8 8JE
Applicant Name: Mr Geoffrey Wilkerson GC & JC Wilkerson Ltd
Description:T1, T2: Ash - Remove. T3: Mature Ash - Reduce by 1/2. T4: Mature Ash - Reduce size by 1/3rd (as amended by plan received on 22/10/2024).
Decision: No Objection
Decision Date: 24/10/2024

Application No: 24/02262/TCA
Location: Village Hall Blacksmiths Lane Reed Hertfordshire SG8 8AU
Applicant Name: Alan Blower Reed Village hall
Description:T1: Oak - Cut lateral growth to clear the Village hall roof by 2.5m. Reduce lateral growth over house no .1. Crown lift to provide 4m clearance from floor level.
Decision: No Objection
Decision Date: 29/10/2024

Application No: 24/02294/NMA
Location: 120 Ridge Road Letchworth Garden City Hertfordshire SG6 1PT
Applicant Name: Mr Adrian Bianco
Description:The hip of the roof as built is shallower than the original plan (as non-material amendment to planning permission 22/01348/FPH granted on 06.12.2022).
Decision: Agreed
Decision Date: 29/10/2024

Application No: 24/02353/TCA
Location: Plinston Hall Broadway Letchworth Garden City Hertfordshire SG6 3NX
Applicant Name: Mr Matt Jones Letchworth Garden City Heritage Found
Description:Japanese Cherry - Fell
Decision: No Objection
Decision Date: 29/10/2024

WEST TEAM

Application No: 22/00984/DOC
Location: Springfields Bury End Pirton Hitchin Hertfordshire SG5 3QB
Applicant Name: Mr Alan Hack
Description:Details reserved by condition 5 (Site investigation and post site investigation assessment) of planning permission reference no 21/02414/FPH granted 08.11.2021
Decision: Approval of Details
Decision Date: 29/10/2024

Application No: 22/01591/DOC
Location: The Old Bakehouse Stevenage Road St Ippolyts Hitchin Hertfordshire SG4 7PE
Applicant Name: Lindsay Murray-Gray
Description:Details reserved by Condition 2 (Window/door Framing) as attached to Listed Building Consent 20/00836/LBC granted on 16.11.2020.
Decision: Approval of Details
Decision Date: 29/10/2024

WEST TEAM

Application No: 23/02775/FP	Location: Codicote House The Park Heath Lane Codicote Hitchin Hertfordshire SG4 8YU Applicant Name: - Rysaffe Fiduciaires Sarl as Trustee of the Malt Trust Description: Installation of ground mounted solar panels including associated cabling and landscaping works.	Decision: Conditional Permission Decision Date: 24/10/2024
Application No: 23/02776/LBC	Location: Codicote House The Park Heath Lane Codicote Hitchin Hertfordshire SG4 8YU Applicant Name: - Rysaffe Fiduciaires Sarl as Trustee of the Malt Trust Description: Installation of underground cable linking the solar panels to the mains distribution within the basement of Codicote House.	Decision: Conditional Consent Decision Date: 24/10/2024
Application No: 24/00170/FP	Location: 15 Elmtree Avenue Cockernhoe Luton Hertfordshire LU2 8QA Applicant Name: Mr Roland De Souza Description: Change of use of existing outbuilding from office and workshop to one self-contained 2-bed dwelling including creation of rear vehicular access and parking.	Decision: Withdrawn Decision Date: 29/10/2024
Application No: 24/00671/FP	Location: Greenside London Road Langley Hitchin Hertfordshire SG4 7PP Applicant Name: Mr J Pateman Description: Erection of six detached 4-bed dwellings following demolition of existing dwelling/outbuildings and builder yard buildings. (Amended plans received 13/08/24).	Decision: Conditional Permission Decision Date: 25/10/2024
Application No: 24/00952/FP	Location: 14 Oakfields Avenue Knebworth Hertfordshire SG3 6NP Applicant Name: Mr Glencross Description: Retention of anthracite grey windows and doors	Decision: Unconditional Permission Decision Date: 29/10/2024
Application No: 24/01698/DOC	Location: Robin Hood And Little John Rabley Heath Road Codicote Welwyn Hertfordshire AL6 9UB Applicant Name: Mr D Nye MCNYES LTD Description: Details reserved by condition 2 (Method Statement) of listed building consent reference no 24/01010/LBC granted 17.07.2024.	Decision: Agreed Decision Date: 25/10/2024
Application No: 24/01712/DOC	Location: Land Adjacent To Oaklea And South Of Cowards Lane Codicote Hertfordshire SG4 8UN Applicant Name: Miss Lauretta Nabawanda Croudace Homes Ltd Description: Details reserved by condition 2 (Finished Floor Levels Plan) of Reserved Matters approval reference 23/00743/RM granted 18.06.2024	Decision: Approval of Details Decision Date: 25/10/2024
Application No: 24/01761/FP	Location: 81a Whinbush Road Hitchin Hertfordshire SG5 1PZ Applicant Name: Mr Bimal Barcha Viva Property Group Ltd Description: Change of use of land to residential. Alterations to existing roof and rear roof extension to facilitate loft conversion. Part two storey and part single storey rear extension following demolition of existing attached rear office building. Alterations to fenestration and external render (as amended by drawing 24/02800/03B received 23/10/2024).	Decision: Conditional Permission Decision Date: 24/10/2024
Application No: 24/01783/DOC	Location: Robin Hood And Little John Rabley Heath Road Codicote Welwyn Hertfordshire AL6 9UB Applicant Name: Mr D Nye MCNYES LTD Description: Details reserved by condition 3 (Materials) of listed building consent reference no 24/01010/LBC granted 17.07.2024.	Decision: Agreed Decision Date: 25/10/2024
Application No: 24/01945/LDCE	Location: 41 The Avenue Hitchin Hertfordshire SG4 9RQ Applicant Name: Mr & Mrs Martindale Description: Replacement of roof fascias, soffits and bargeboards. Replacement of existing render finishes. Replacement of windows.	Decision: Refused Decision Date: 25/10/2024

WEST TEAM

Application No: 24/01951/FPH	Location: Heston Paddocks Drivers End Codicote Hitchin Hertfordshire SG4 8TR Applicant Name: Mr Westwick Description: Erection of detached 1-bed ancillary annexe with associated decking following demolition of existing detached garage.	Decision: Conditional Permission Decision Date: 29/10/2024
Application No: 24/02010/FPH	Location: New Redwood Ransom Close Hitchin Hertfordshire SG4 9AX Applicant Name: Mr Jeremy Hope Description: Erection of attached side garden store; alterations to fenestration on rear elevation and insertion of solar panels to existing dwelling and outbuildings. Alterations to existing garage to facilitate part garage conversion	Decision: Conditional Permission Decision Date: 29/10/2024
Application No: 24/02109/DOC	Location: Land Rear Of The Croft Stevenage Road Little Wymondley Hertfordshire Applicant Name: Mr Skinner Description: Details reserved by condition 15 (Construction Traffic Management Plan) of planning permission reference no 23/01866/FP granted 30.05.2024	Decision: Approval of Details Decision Date: 29/10/2024
Application No: 24/02162/DOC	Location: 1 Oakfields Road Knebworth Hertfordshire SG3 6NS Applicant Name: Gareth Latham Wyvern Partnership LLP Description: Details reserved by condition 3 (Materials) of planning permission reference no 23/02892/FPH granted 13.02.2024	Decision: Approval of Details Decision Date: 29/10/2024
Application No: 24/02171/NMA	Location: Land To The East Of Foxholes And Gainsford House And On The West Side Of Crow Furlong Hitchin Hertfordshire Applicant Name: Mr Dan Wilson Cala Homes (Chiltern) Limited Description: Changes to house types and hard landscaping (as Non-Material Amendment to planning permission 22/03092/FP granted 15.03.2024)	Decision: Not Agreed Decision Date: 30/10/2024
Application No: 24/02180/LDCP	Location: 45 Grovelands Avenue Hitchin Hertfordshire SG4 0QU Applicant Name: Mrs Eleanor Vaughan Description: Single storey rear extension. Replace existing front garage door with window to facilitate garage conversion into office space.	Decision: Granted Permission Decision Date: 24/10/2024
Application No: 24/02189/TCA	Location: 1 New Road Cottage Law Hall Lane Bendish Hitchin Hertfordshire SG4 8JD Applicant Name: Mr Jonathan Evans Evans Tree Services Description: T1: Willow - Pollard back to old cuts. T2: Conifer - Reduce by 2m in line with the purple Hazel. T3: Plum - Reduce by 1m back to old cuts and shape. T4: Cherry - Reduce by 3m and shaped. T5: Poplar - Reduce by 3m to old cuts and shape. T6: Plum - Reduce by 1m and shape	Decision: No Objection Decision Date: 25/10/2024
Application No: 24/02209/DOC	Location: Hobbs Close Garage London Road St Ippolyts Hitchin Hertfordshire SG4 7NJ Applicant Name: Mr Steve Cook CP & P Homes Ltd Description: Details reserved by condition 4 (Construction Management Plan) of planning permission reference no 21/02832/FP granted 21.12.2021	Decision: Approval of Details Decision Date: 28/10/2024
Application No: 24/02232/NMA	Location: Site Of Former Burford Grange Bedford Road Ickleford Hertfordshire SG5 3XG Applicant Name: Mr Neil Farnsworth Cala Homes (Chiltern) Description: Plot Substitutions to Plots 26, 27 and 28 (as Non-Material Amendment to planning permission 19/01106/FP granted 06.02.2023)	Decision: Agreed Decision Date: 24/10/2024

WEST TEAM

Application No: 24/02319/TCA
Location: Hitchin Audi Nightingale Road Hitchin Hertfordshire SG5 1RQ
Decision: No Objection
Applicant Name: Mrs Dawn Richards Audi Hitchin
Description: Ash, Sycamore - Reduce height by approx 2.5m in height and 1.5m in width. Ash - Reduce lateral branches back by 2.5m (Audi side only) Mixed species - Clear overhanging branches back from workshop roofs providing a 1.2m horizontal clearance and a 2.5m vertical clearance
Decision Date: 29/10/2024

Application No: 24/02436/TCA
Location: Hitchin Girls School Highbury Road Hitchin Hertfordshire SG4 9RS
Decision: Withdrawn
Applicant Name: Mr Philip Bellwood CALDICOTT COURT RESIDENTS
Description: 2x Beech - Cut back main branches by up to 1.75m towards the boundary where appropriate.
Decision Date: 30/10/2024

PRESS RELEASE

PR 3890

28 October 2024

North Herts Council launches ambitious Council Plan for a fairer, greener future

North Herts Council is excited to announce the launch of its new Council Plan for 2024-2028, outlining a bold vision to create a fairer, greener, and more sustainable future for the district. The plan also focusses on responsible growth, to ensure that we can meet the current and future needs of our community.

With four key priorities—Thriving Communities, Accessible Services, Responsible Growth, and Sustainability—the plan aims to guide the council’s actions over the next four years and deliver real, impactful change for residents.

Highlights of the Council Plan include:

- **Thriving communities:** Reducing health inequalities by working closely with partners like Everyone Active, to deliver physical activity programmes for older adults and less active residents. Continuing our commitment to providing grants to local organisations and investing in projects to strengthen the fabric of the district’s towns and villages and a continued focus on our community safety priorities to foster safer and more inclusive communities.
- **Accessible services:** The council will continue modernising its services by enhancing online accessibility, simplifying customer experiences, and investing in facilities like leisure centres and parks. Community hubs will be accessible online, giving residents a platform to engage and share their views. A new waste collection contract is also set to roll out in 2025, improving residents’ opportunities to recycle.
- **Responsible growth:** As the Local Plan continues to be implemented, North Herts will see much-needed housing and responsible development that considers the district’s infrastructure and sustainability needs. Strategies to rejuvenate town centres and support local businesses are also central to the plan.
- **Sustainability:** The council strives for sustainable service delivery both in terms of budget setting and protecting our environment. Responding to the climate and ecological emergencies, the council is committing to reducing carbon emissions and improving biodiversity through initiatives such as rewilding projects and sustainable development policies.

Cllr Daniel Allen, North Herts Council Leader said, “It is a huge privilege to serve the people of North Herts and we have achieved so much together already. We know that there are challenges ahead but together we can make North Herts a better place for all of us.”

Anthony Roche, North Herts Council’s Managing Director, said: “This plan represents our commitment to ongoing improvement and collaboration with our partners and residents. It’s

about building on our successes, adapting to new challenges, and ensuring that the services we provide remain responsive, accessible and forward thinking.”

Residents are encouraged to get involved and share their views through the council's various engagement platforms, including online consultations, local forums, and the Citizens Panel. Feedback will help shape the future of the district, ensuring that the council's goals reflect the community's needs.

For more information about the North Herts Council Plan and to find out how you can get involved, visit www.north-herts.gov.uk.

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