



HARPENDEN NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

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What is a Neighbourhood Plan?

A Neighbourhood Plan is a community-led planning document that guides the future growth, regeneration and conservation of an area. It is about the use of land and may allocate key sites for specific kinds of development.

A Neighbourhood Plan sets out the community's views on the development and use of land in their neighbourhood, in contrast to the St Albans District Local Plan which influences the whole of the St Albans District.

Who has created the Neighbourhood Plan?

Five Themed Working Groups comprising of community representatives and Town Councillors have developed the Neighbourhood Plan.

The preparation of the Harpenden Neighbourhood Plan was overseen by a Steering Group made up of representatives from the local community, Harpenden Town Council and Harpenden Rural Parish Council.

The Harpenden Neighbourhood Plan has been produced following three rounds of community engagement, informed by 3625 survey responses and 760 visits to our engagement events.

The Referendum will take place on 7 February 2019.

The people of Harpenden will have the opportunity to vote on whether the Harpenden Neighbourhood Plan should be adopted and used by St Albans City & District Council when they make decisions in regard to planning applications.

Your vote counts - Don't waste it!

The question on the referendum ballot paper is:

Do you want St Albans City & District Council to use the Neighbourhood Plan for Harpenden to help it decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area?



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To help make the Harpenden Neighbourhood Plan easier to digest we have split it into 5 key theme areas each with their own objectives and policies.

The visions for these areas are shown below:

Employment & Retail Vision:

That Harpenden has accessible, thriving and flexible retail areas, with a vibrant, attractive Town Centre that encourages people to spend time there, by offering a diverse range of quality retail and other Town Centre uses. To create a sustainable economy that protects existing, and supports new, employment use where appropriate, making Harpenden an attractive and accessible place for both employers and employees to work.

Housing Vision:

Those that grow up in Harpenden should have the capability to live here should they wish to. We will have a mixed housing offer that is well located and designed and that has the ability to meet the aspirations of different ages and demographic groups and the flexibility to integrate and accommodate people throughout their lifetime.

Harpenden has a strong sense of community that is treasured by local residents. The Neighbourhood Plan will provide the foundations for Harpenden to grow sustainably for the benefit of those that live and work here.

Environment & Sustainable Design Vision:

Maintain and enhance the character of Harpenden, its neighbourhoods, communities and green spaces. Develop Harpenden as a sustainable and low carbon town.

Social Infrastructure & Community Facilities Vision:

Maintain and enhance a vibrant cultural and community life through excellent school and health care provision, high quality sports, leisure and community facilities and accessible social infrastructure.

Transport & Movement Vision:

That Harpenden residents are able to walk and cycle around safely and comfortably, and travel is managed via predominantly environmentally friendly, interchangeable methods, with the appropriate quantity and quality of cycle storage and parking provision, in an atmosphere of sustainable growth and significantly reduced pollution.



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